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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting—the closing one for the season—was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M., presiding. Bros. T. Arnison and W. Bell were raised. Bro. A. N. Newens was elected as the W.M. elect. It was resolved, after some discussion, to remove the lodge from its present quarters.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gr-sham-street, City, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. Francis Brien, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and visiting brethren:—J. White, I.M.P.; H. B. Halliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; J. Dorton, P.M.; P. McCarthy, S.W.; W. Taplay, J.W.; James Mitchell, Sec.; J. T. K. Job, S.D.; W. Neverd, I.G.; A. R. Mason, D.C.; B. Norman, Tyler; G. S. King, 1256; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Sykes was raised to the Sublime Degree by the Master in rare style. Bro. White, P.M., then brought forward, pursuant to a notice of motion, the following resolution: "That the annual subscriptions be raised to 2½ guineas for town members, and £1 for country members, the additional subscriptions to be placed to the credit of the Vice-President Fund of the Masonic Charities." In putting it Bro. White, in eloquent language, pointed out that by the addition of 7s. 6d. per year to their present subscription the immense good the Charities would receive, and the large number of votes the lodge in a few years would have at its disposal for charitable purposes. For less than 2d. per week per member they could each year get a Vice-President for either of the Charities. A discussion ensued, and it was ultimately carried. Bro. Taplay then moved, in accordance with a notice of motion, "That the meetings of the lodge begin in October instead of September, and close in April instead of May." This, he said, would give them two months more rest than they had at present, and at the same time be a saving to the funds of the lodge. The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and cordially responded to. Bro. P.M. White, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of his excellent work and just impartiality as their ruler, and wished him all prosperity. Bro. Brien, in response, drew attention to the motion of Bro. White, and expressed his conviction that the more they saw of its working the better they would like it. (Hear, hear.) The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bros. White, Halliday, and Dorton severally responded. Bros. King and Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and the latter returned thanks for the Masonic press. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. McCarthy responded, and in so doing spoke with pride of the resolution passed that night. He likened the Masonic Institutions to lifeboats, and their little nieces and nephews and poor old brethren and sisters to drowning and shipwrecked castaways those lifeboats were to save from death and destruction. He believed it would be a work that would prosper and would have a blessing with it. (Cheers.) He concluded a stirring speech with thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the reception given the toast. Bros. Taplay, Job, Mitchell, and Nevin as well responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the meeting. We cannot close our report without mentioning the pleasure afforded the brethren by Bro. King's intensely laughable recitation, "The Choice of a Trade," and as well the excellent singing of Bros. Sherwin, Taplay, Halliday, and others.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, 10th inst. Present: Bros. Braine, W.M.; Bonsor, S.W.; Knell, J.W.; Cook, Treas.; Holness, Sec.; Sanders, S.D.; Rlinkhorn, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; Halestrap, W.S.; Lake, D.C.; Mather, P.M.; Bowyer, P.M.; Davy, P.M.; Shaw, Hunt, Davies, Baker, and others. The following visitors were present: Bros. Dosell, P.M. 55, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Ford, 1580; and Shipley, J.W. 30. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Colmer answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Colmer was duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then resumed in the First Degree, and Mr. Samuel Henry Wallis was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Braine, in ancient form. The lodge again resumed in the Second Degree, and the dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. to enable Bro. Bonsor, the W.M. elect, to take the chair of this lodge (he being at present W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580), was read, and Bro. Bonsor, having been presented, was installed into the chair of K. S. by Bro. Braine, the W.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. Braine, I.P.M.; Knell, S.W.; Sanders, J.W.; Blinkhorn, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Lake, I.G.; Halestrap, D.C.; and Shaw, W.S. At the close of the business, the lodge adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Baker (who is a member of this lodge). The usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of "The Past Masters, I.P.M., and Installing Master," afforded an opportunity to present the retiring Master with Past Master's jewel. The toast of "The Initiate" was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to by Bro. Wallis. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. P.M. Dosell, in responding, thanked the lodge for the hospitality extended to the visitors, and also for the Masonic treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the able working of the Installing Master. He said that, during an experience of more than twenty years in Freemasonry, and having heard the ceremony of installation worked by many Grand Officers and Masters of lodges, he had never before heard it rendered in so perfect a manner as on this occasion. He also alluded to the able working of the ceremony in the First Degree, and trusted the present W.M. would be able to instal his successor in like manner. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Braine being well to the fore with his "Five o'clock 'Bus."

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This rapidly rising lodge held its second regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. J. Creaton, W.M.; H. J. Johnson, S.W.; J. J. Cante, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Nickson, S.D.; H. Buck, J.D.; R. G. Shute, D.C.; W. Williams, W.S.; J. Kift, Organist. The W.M. being detained by other business a little beyond the time for opening, P.M. Cante opened the lodge in due form, and Bros. R. H. Rogers and A. Walter, who were candidates for passing, having answered the questions in an excellent manner, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. by the P.M. The ballot was taken for three joining members, Bros. Renshaw, Colevill, and Pactel, it was also taken for two initiates, Messrs. E. Austin and A. Beaumont, being in all cases unanimous. Just at this moment a telegram arrived from Mr. A. Beaumont, saying, he was detained in the country and would not be able to be present in time. The W.M. then took his seat, and in a most impressive manner initiated Mr. Austin into our ancient Order. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. William, Junior Warden, stating that in consequence of a domestic affliction he could not be present—Bro. P.M., Thurlkirk acted as Junior Warden in his absence. The office of Treasurer having only been held by Bro. S.W. *pro tem.*, Bro. Thurlkirk, P.M., who had been duly elected to that office, was now invested. All business being over, the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren adjourned to the tavern, where an excellent banquet was served to them by Bro. A. Best, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given. In proposing "The Initiate," the W.M. expressed his pleasure at the attention and general bearing of Bro. Austin, and hoped he would take a great interest in the Craft. Bro. Austin thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped he should prove in time all they wished him to be. Bro. P.M. Cante then addressed the brethren, saying he had been granted the use of the gavel for a short time, and the purpose to which he should use it was one which every brother would obey from the bottom of his heart—it was to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he felt sure no W.M. could be more beloved by the members of a lodge than theirs was by them, and he (Bro. Cante) felt proud of having such a W.M., and he was sure they all felt the same pride that he had. For twenty-seven years their W.M. had been a Mason. During that time he had filled the chair of K.S. twice in the Lodge of Antiquity, one of the highest and most celebrated lodges of the Order. He had by them been appointed to represent the lodge as Grand Steward, and he had been appointed by the M.W.G.M. to the position of Grand Deacon. He had in turn been President of all the Charities, and now they had to congratulate him upon another honour, which the Creaton Lodge considered greater than all, for it showed the great confidence the Craft had in their W.M., for they had elected him to the post of Grand Treasurer by an overwhelming majority, and over the head of one who held a far higher position in a worldly sense, but the Craft knew what Bro. Colonel Creaton had done for them, and took the opportunity of showing their great faith in him. Turning to the W.M., Bro. Cante said—And now I have to inform you that I am deputed by my brother officers of this lodge to present you with this gold key, the emblem of your new office, as a mark of their love and esteem, and as I place this upon

your collar, where, after a few days, it will be your duty always to wear it, think you are receiving it, not for any actual value it may possess, but when you look upon it think this was given you with feelings of most sincere love and kindest regards, and may the G.A.O.T.U. spare you for many years, and give you health and strength to wear it and be amongst us, and discharge the great duties of your important office. Col. Creaton, in responding, said he scarce knew how to reply to what had been said and done. He felt deeply moved at the kindness that had been shown him, and thanked them very much indeed, and hoped he should be spared for many years to be with them. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Letchworth, of Antiquity Lodge, No. 2, saying he was very pleased to have been present and seen the excellent working of the lodge; in every respect the officers seemed to be thoroughly well up to the work they had to do, and, for so young a lodge, he thought it was a sign that what they had commenced they intended to carry out well. He congratulated the W.M. upon being Master of such a lodge, and the brethren upon having such a tried and worthy brother as their W.M., one who had done all he could to forward Masonry in every way, especially its Charities. Wishing the lodge every success, he thanked them on behalf of himself and brother visitors. The toast of "Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed by the W.M., who said they had not had the opportunity of trying their new Treasurer, but he had no doubt he would prove an efficient officer. With regard to Bro. Cante, the Secretary, they had a great deal to thank him for, as he was decidedly the founder of the lodge; he was a zealous officer, and he asked the brethren to join him in the toast. The toast was responded to by Bros. Cante and Thurlkirk, and "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts followed. There were present as visitors Bros. Knight Smith, W.M. 1441; Reynolds, 1441; Martin, Acacia; Morgan, Unity; W. Williams, 724; Letchworth, 2; McLeod, 1624; Flatterly, 1624; Coulter, R. Union. Some excellent music was rendered by Bros. Kift, Martin, Reynolds, Knight Smith, and Cante, making a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of what may be recognised as the premier lodge of West Lancashire—the Merchants, No. 241—took place on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. James Winsor, W.M., presided over a goodly gathering of members and visitors, amongst the Principals present being Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Thomas Salter, J.W.; Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; John Latta, S.D.; J. Proeber, Org.; J. Pendleton, I.G.; P. Ball, P.G.T., Tyler; D. Wright, W. Stedford, John Winsor, W. A. Cottle, F. Shaw, J. W. Davis, J. Quayle, A. Ewart, O. Roberts, S. Jude, S. Broadbridge, E. S. Hall, P. Wade, J. Hayden, W. Rigby, P.G.R.; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609; M. Boyd, 1609; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, when a brother was passed to the rank of Fellow Craft in a very admirable manner. The brethren were afterwards called off to the festive board, where a pleasant few hours were spent. "The Health of the Worshipful Master," given in highly eulogistic terms by the J.W. (Bro. T. Salter), was most pointedly and appropriately acknowledged from the chair by Bro. Winsor. Several capital songs were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular meeting of the brethren forming this lodge was held on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate. Bro. Edwd. Cardwell, W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Nicholson and Burrows, who had been initiated the previous lodge night, were advanced to the pedestal and examined as to their proficiency as Craftsmen. This being concluded, they were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nicholson being re-admitted, he was passed to the Degree by the W.M. Bro. Burrows was afterwards re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Kelland, P.M., the working tools being presented to the candidates by the S.W. (Bro. W. Warbrick). Bro. Jowitt, I.P.M., afterwards gave the lecture on the First Degree tracing board, and was awarded a hearty and cordial vote of thanks on its conclusion. The working of the several officers was admirably and efficiently gone through. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, New Canal. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. Tucker, W.M.; T. Norwood, I.P.M.; C. H. Card, S.W.; T. S. Futcher, P.M., as J.W.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Hannan, S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; A. Aylward, Org.; J. T. Calkin, as I.G.; F. J. Russell, P.M.; E. W. Wiltshire, J. H. Dear, R. Dear, E. J. Mannings, E. Hall, T. Harwood, J. Folliot, G. Wilkes, H. Crawford. Visitor: Bro. Slader. The lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for Mr. H. W. Larkam, which proved unanimous in his favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Crawford was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, after which the candidate was re-admitted and duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, when Bro. Geo. Wilkes, E.A., was examined,

entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge having been again opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Wilkes was re-admitted, and duly passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the name of a gentleman for initiation having been proposed and seconded, hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitor, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 7th inst., the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. Helm, the W.M., who was supported by his respective officers; a fair number of members and visitors being also present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cutts, who was a candidate for being passed to the Second Degree, was examined as to his proficiency in the former, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cutts re-admitted and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. (Bro. Taylor). The J.W. (Bro. J. T. Jackson) afterwards gave the lecture on the Second Degree tracing board, in a very effective manner, and for which he received the encomiums of the brethren present. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when a candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamations having been made and responded to, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

CHEETHAM.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Knowsley Hotel. The W.M. (Bro. J. Pollitt), supported by several P.M.'s, the officers, and many members and visitors, opened the lodge punctually at 3.30, as announced on the summons. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robert McDowel Smith, P.P.G. Treas.; John P. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; Jas. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Parker, W.M. 993; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; Walley, W.M. 163; A. Lister, W.M. 1011; F. R. Hollins, P.M. 581; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; M. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Ernst Link, P.M. 633; A. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. Startop, P.M. 344; H. D. Miller, 1357, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted, after which Bro. J. R. Boulton, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. for installation. The W.M., Bro. Pollitt, having addressed the usual admonitions, proceeded with the ceremony until all the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters were requested to retire. Bro. E. G. Hughes, P.M., then assumed the office of Installing Master, and assisted by other P.M.'s of the lodge, viz., Bros. R. T. Glendinning, John West, G. F. Freeman, Geo. Kenyon, and Turner, completed the very interesting ceremony in most ample and comprehensive form. After the return of the brethren, and the newly-installed W.M. had been formally greeted, the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Mollison, S.W.; Hope, J.W.; R. T. Glendinning, P.M., Treasurer; Hooper, Secretary; Wimpory, S.D.; John West, P.M., D. of Ceremonies; Joseph Snape, I.G.; Jones and Sharples, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was duly closed. About eighty brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most sumptuous dinner was served by the host, Bro. Bremnell, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. (Bro. Boulton), at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was most heartily given and enthusiastically received and ably responded to. The gavel was then passed to Bro. Turner, P.M., who, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel attached to a collar. Bro. Pollitt, in a very feeling manner, acknowledged the presentation, as well as the many kind expressions which had been made and cordially endorsed in his favour. Bro. Smith, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in a humorous speech, to which Bro. Link was called upon to reply. Other toasts followed. We must, however, not overlook the musical portion of the evening's entertainment, with such an array of professional talent as Bros. Miller, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, H. Lister, and, though last not least, Bro. F. R. Hollins, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Fielding. It is needless to say that seldom has it fallen to our lot to listen to such ably-rendered glees, trios, and songs as on this occasion.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge, which is justly recognised as a kind of pattern lodge in the province of West Lancashire, took place on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, and the whole of the day's proceedings could hardly have been more successful or pleasant. Bro. Thomas S. Williams, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and there were also present during the evening Bros. R. C. Yelland, P.M.; W. Healing, P.M.; Dr. Sheldon, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; Richard Washington, P.M., S.W. (W.M. elect); T. Birch, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason); T. Marsh, Sec.; H. B. Jones, S.D.; J. Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Org.; Thomas Carr, S.; E. J. Callow, S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The members' list included Bros. F. E. Boustead, E. Sephton, W. Jones, R. Bethel, J. Cave, M. Yeoman, Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; N. Callow, G. F. Pringle, W. Pyc, R. Ellinger, E. W. Boulding, D. Critchey, E. Chater, and J. Speer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. H. Williams, 324; W. J. Chapman, P.M. 1609; John Atkinson, Sec. 1609;

J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas. 1325; J. G. Hallwood, 1505; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. M. King, 823; A. Peters, P.P.G.S.W. N.W. and Salop; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M. 1094 and 1609; D. Callow, 823; C. Mandesley, 823; W. S. Brenchley, 477; J. Haynes, P.M. 249; Captain W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; S. J. Waring, 1502; S. Butterworth, 1547; J. Busfield, 216; A. Gieffilan, 1393; Joseph Clegg, P.M. 1299; W. Ladyman, 477; P. Pennington, and G. Maxwell, 594. After the transaction of the ordinary initial business and the minutes of the previous meeting had been unanimously confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., who, in a most admirable and effective manner, proceeded to instal Bro. Richard Washington as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, an honour which was rendered all the more valuable by reason of the fact that he occupied the chair of the Temple Lodge about six years ago. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas S. Williams, I.P.M.; T. Birch, S.W.; Harrison Barclay Jones, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (re-elected for the fourteenth time); Thomas Marsh, Sec. (also re-appointed to that office for the fourteenth time); John Alexander, S.D.; H. Horspool, J.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; E. J. Callow, I.G.; J. Carr, S.S.; R. Bethel, J.S.; E. W. Boulding, A.S.; and P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. presented a very valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. S. Williams, I.P.M., in token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Williams. The P.G. Sec. (Bro. H. S. Alpass) then brought before the members of the Temple Lodge the scheme for the general decoration of the Masonic Hall, which would cost about £2000, and made an eloquent appeal for the liberality of the brethren in seeking to carry out the proposed and highly necessary work. Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. 823, also addressed the brethren on the necessity for the decoration of the hall, and the W.M. promised that the subject should have the careful consideration of the lodge at its next meeting. After "hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to the newly-installed W.M. by about a score of representatives of other lodges, the business of the evening was brought to a close, and the brethren immediately adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Bro. R. Washington, the esteemed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with extreme heartiness, and Bro. H. S. Alpass, in responding to the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and P.G. Officers," said that Lord Skelmersdale continued to take an ever-increasing interest in Masonry from day to day, and every fresh position which he received only quickened his zeal for the Order. They were very greatly honoured in having him as their head in West Lancashire, and he trusted that his lordship would long continue to occupy the proud position which he now filled. Bro. Dr. Johnson, P.M., in giving "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," spoke of the great and noble work which it was carrying out. Bro. the Rev. P. Pennington, P.M., acknowledged the toast, and, while speaking generally of the advantages of education, he called upon every brother to do what he could to support the Charity, which afforded instruction to those who might not otherwise have received any tuition. Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer (Freemason), also responded to the toast of "The West Lancashire," and said he was pleased to have the opportunity of bringing the claims of the Institution more forcibly before the lodge than they had been before. He was somewhat ashamed of the individual subscriptions to this Charity, and he trusted that these would be increased in the future. That day he had had the pleasure of handing the sum of 15 guineas to the Institution, as the proceeds of the charity box, to endow the W.M.'s, S.W.'s, and J.W.'s chairs with life governorships; and he had received from Bro. R. Brown, one of the joint Secretaries of the Institution, a cordial letter of thanks for the generous gift. Bro. T. S. Williams, I.P.M., said he felt considerable pride in rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," because every one who knew Bro. Washington would be aware that he was a thoroughly good, honourable, open-hearted, friendly, and loving brother, not only in Masonry, but in the social and domestic circles of the outer world. He was an honest, faithful, and genial friend, a kind neighbour, and one who was always ready to help those who needed help, having a word of sympathy and kindness for every one who came into contact with him. Every one present knew that in placing Bro. Washington in the chair they had placed the best possible man in the place of honour, and he (Bro. Williams) was sure they would all strive as one man to make his second term of office in the chair as pleasant and successful as he deserved. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and in acknowledging the compliment the W.M. said he felt he did not deserve the eulogiums which had been passed upon him. No words could express his sense of the high honour which had been conferred upon him in being again placed in the chair of that lodge, but he would do all in his power to hand the warrant to his successor pure and unsullied as he had received it. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bros. P.M.'s Johnson and Cottrell. "The Installing Master," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Smith, who concluded by proposing "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Dr. Sheldon, P.M. Other toasts followed, and a pleasing musical selection was given during the evening by Bros. Busfield, Gieffilan, Sheldon, and J. Skeaf, P.G.O. (who presided at the piano, and gave his own composition, "The Sabbath Evening Chimes," as a solo.)

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The installation of Bro. W. C. Banks, W.M. elect of the above lodge, was performed on Saturday, the 5th inst.,

by Bro. A. W. Duret, the retiring W.M., at the King's Arms Hotel, where the brethren assembled in good numbers. This lodge, so well known in the Province of Kent for its hospitality to visitors, was honoured by the presence of many distinguished brethren from London and local lodges, among whom were Bros. H. M. Levy, Joppa, 188; A. W. Dawson, W.M. Progress, 1768; E. Phillips, W.M. Panmure, 715; A. C. Spaul, J.W. Progress, 1768; Dinham, Fortitude, 105; A. D. Renshaw, J.W. St. Paul, 194; G. S. Bigley, Sec. Royal Standard, 1208; F. W. Greenville, Loyalty, 243; Burgiss-Brown, Belvedere, 503; Vine, Phoenix, 173; and J. Wheaton Lewis, 1185. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. W. Duret, W.M., in the Three Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree, and the ordinary work was gone through. The brethren were then "called off" for a short period. On the arrival of the W.M. elect, Bro. Banks, the brethren were "called on," and work resumed. Bro. Banks was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. W. Duret, the Wardens' chairs being occupied, pro. tem., by Bros. Newsoms and Mortlock. Bro. W. C. Banks, on taking the chair, appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. W. Duret, I.P.M.; C. J. Dodd, S.W.; J. Webb, J.W.; Durtnall, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., Sec.; Smalman Smith, S.D.; J. T. Baker, J.D.; A. S. Owen, I.G.; S. Laver, D.C.; E. Pilliner and H. E. Hall, Stewards. The W.M. then presented Bro. Duret with a handsome and massive jewel, and said it gave him great pleasure to place in his hands the spontaneous offering of the officers and brethren of the Amherst Lodge, in recognition of the ability and efficiency with which he had managed the business of the lodge during his year of office, and the high esteem in which he was held by one and all; expressing the hope that he might wear it for many years to come. Bro. Duret very briefly and feelingly acknowledged the great honour paid him. It should always be, as it had always been, his most earnest wish to promote the interest of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. On resuming his seat, Bro. Duret was warmly congratulated by the members and visitors on the very efficient and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed, in appropriate terms, by Bro. Duret, and the toast was most cordially received by the brethren. Bro. Banks, in responding, hoped that he might be able to discharge his duties in such a way as to merit the praise so justly given to his predecessor. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Levy and Dawson, who expressed the great pleasure it had given them to see the very good work done in the Amherst Lodge, and also to partake of the kind hospitality with which they had been received, and hoped that it would again be their good fortune to visit the brethren of the Amherst Lodge. "The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M., who alluded to the valuable assistance they at all times rendered to the Masters and brethren. Bro. Duret, I.P.M., returned thanks, and added he was deeply sensible of the complimentary remarks which the brethren had been pleased to pass upon his working, but all he did was for the benefit of the lodge. He did hope every officer and brother would do his utmost to assist the Worshipful Master in carrying out the duties of his important office, by making themselves proficient to fill any post to which they might be called by the W.M. Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M., added a few words intimating that he was a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and he felt sure this Charity needed and deserved their support, and hoped they would prove that the members of the lodge were liberal in act as well as in word. Bro. Durtnall, P.M., as Steward for the Boys' School, spoke also in favour of that Institution, and trusted that the brethren would divide their favours. "The Health of the Officers" and several other complimentary toasts were proposed, among them "The Health of their most esteemed Bro. Mortlock, P.M.," whose good working is proverbial in the Craft. After spending a most pleasant evening, enlivened by recitations, songs, and glees, the brethren returned to Sevenoaks in order to meet the 9.34 p.m. for London.

LEWES.—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—The annual meeting and installation took place at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Thursday, the 10th inst. The usual day of meeting had been changed, by permission, but there was a very limited attendance, owing, no doubt, to its falling on the eve of Good Friday. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin was installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. F. Noakes, P.M., and P.P.G. Sword Bearer (Sussex). A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kraeutler on his retiring from the chair. The banquet took place at Bro. Whitcomb's, Bear Hotel, and was admirably served. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The guests included Bros. Kraeutler, I.P.M.; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, Lewes; Wilkinson, W.M. Royal York, Brighton; Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, Brighton; Martin, P.M. Royal Brunswick, Brighton; A. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian, Eastbourne; F. Tanner, W.M. Mid-Sussex, Horsham; Whatford, W.M. Lodge of Friendship, Worthing; R. H. Ellman, P.M.; J. C. Lucas, P.M. and P.G.D. Sussex; G. Stone, P.M.; J. Stedman, T. R. White (Sec.); Jos. Farncombe, P.M. South Saxon, and Prov. G. Sword Bearer Sussex (Freemason). Bro. Jos. Farncombe was called on to respond for "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex." He regretted the absence of his superior officers, as there was no doubt whatever that the hearty manner in which the toast had been received was due to their efficiency and popularity. In Sir Walter Burrell they had a Prov. Grand Master whose heart and soul was in Masonry, and who was eminently fitted for the distinguished position which he held in the province. In Bro. John Henderson Scott Sir Walter had a most able Deputy, and in Bro. V. P. Freeman

they had a Provincial Grand Secretary who was held in the highest esteem. In the discharge of his onerous duties there could not fail to occur occasions when his authority had to be exercised in an apparently somewhat severe manner, but this was necessary for the good government of the lodges in the province. Invariably little occurrences of this kind led to a good understanding ultimately, with the cementing of a lasting friendship. Personally, as well as on behalf of the Present and Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, he thanked the W.M. for the high compliment which it had been his pleasure to acknowledge. Bro. Kraeutler gave "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master" in flattering terms. The W.M., in reply, said his early life had been spent in Lewes, and it was a great pleasure to him to fill the honourable position of Master of the Pelham Lodge. It was true that they were not a numerous body, but, at the same time, they numbered among them several distinguished Masons. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. S. Tanner, and other visiting brethren. The after dinner proceedings were not prolonged, but while they lasted they were of a most enjoyable character.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The seventh installation meeting of this celebrated Middlesex lodge took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Tagg's Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Notwithstanding the exceptionally unpropitious condition of the weather, which was more in accordance with mid-winter than mid-spring, there was a goodly muster of members and visitors. Among the former we may mention Bros. J. J. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middlesex; Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middlesex; T. J. Sabine, W.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Theillay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; E. W. Devereux, S.W. and W.M. elect; Faulkner, Hon. Dental Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Pearson, Dr. Ryley, T. G. Tagg, Elliott, Henman, and others. Among the visitors we may enumerate Bros. the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Colonel Burdett, J.P.; Dr. Barringer, P.P.G.W. Herts; Graham, Holmesdale Lodge, Tunbridge Wells; Cash, Devereux, W. A. Simmons, P.M. New Cross Lodge, 1559, and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and signed, the W.M. referred in most feeling terms to the great loss which the lodge had recently sustained by the death of the S.D., Bro. J. Johnstone. The Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow and family. The W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine, then proceeded with the installation of the new W.M., Bro. E. W. Devereux, who was presented for the benefit of the ceremony by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.M., &c.; after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in accordance with ancient usage, and the members below the chair retired for a short time. On their re-admission, the Acting Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed and the brethren then saluted the newly-installed Master, according to ancient custom. The appointment and investment of officers was as follows:—Bros. Loos, S.W.; Faulkner, J.W.; Baldwin, P.M., Treas.; Wright, Sec.; Pearson, S.D.; Dr. Ryley, J.D.; Elliott, I.G.; Henman, D. of C.; Wingate, Steward; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. T. J. Sabine, then gave in a very perfect and impressive manner the three addresses. On the motion of Bro. Moss, P.M., &c., a special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. J. Sabine for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master. The lodge being closed in perfect harmony, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Tagg served up a repast equal to the best London houses. The menu and toast list combined was in itself a little work of art, illustrated with sixteen suitable quotations from Shakspeare. Ample justice having been done to the very excellent and well-served dinner, the W.M., Bro. E. W. Devereux, then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.H. the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were heartily received and responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, J.P., P.G.W. of England, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of England," the W.M. said he was exceedingly happy to welcome their venerated chief in the names of the members of the lodge on that occasion. The P.G.M. had, by a straightforward discharge of his duty, won the respect and esteem of all the lodges in the province, which, under his guiding care, had very materially increased since it was established a few years ago. Col. Burdett, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome which he had received, and assured them that it was his earnest wish and desire to promote the interest of true Freemasonry—to keep all the lodges in his province in a state of harmony and good working. He was glad to find that several of his Past Grand Officers were present, and that one had just left the chair of the lodge after installing his successor. The next toast was "The W. Deputy G.M., Sir Charles Bright, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G. Registrar. Bro. Moss, in reply, addressed the brethren in his usual humorous style, and attributed the success of Freemasonry in Middlesex to the great interest the P.G.M. (Col. Burdett) took in the proper working of the lodges. Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: I cannot but congratulate the lodge on the advance this day to the Master's chair of one of the first brethren who were initiated in the Era Lodge. It is an evidence of a new departure, and, I trust, one which will bring with it a continuance of the prosperity which has hitherto attended the lodge. It was originally arranged that the founders of

the lodge should go through the chair, and as that arrangement commenced with Bro. J. T. Moss, so to-day it has ended with me. Hence, I take it, there is a new departure. The veterans of the lodge have laid the foundation. These initiated in the lodge from to-day continue the work. I have every confidence in the arrangement. I have every confidence in the newly-installed W.M., who since the day of his initiation has passed through the various offices he has held with great credit to himself, with unquestionable advantage to the Lodge. He has set an example not only of constant attendance, but of perfect working, and I feel certain that during his year of office he will bear out the expressions of confidence I have used. I ask you to drink his good health, long life and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The W.M. (Bro. Devereux), in reply, thanked Bro. Sabine, for the very flattering manner in which he had been pleased to speak of him and his work. He also thanked the members and visitors for their hearty response. For himself he had made up his mind from the first to do his duty, and at the end of his year of office should not fear to be judged by results. He much regretted that the Easter holidays and the Christmas weather had prevented many from attending; he thanked those visitors who had favoured the lodge with their presence, and he trusted during his year of office to see them again, when the lovely scenery of the district could be enjoyed under more congenial circumstances. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him that day, and for the hearty expressions of success during the ensuing year. The W.M. (Bro. E. W. Devereux) then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and paid them collectively a high compliment for the work done by them. Addressing his Immediate Past Master (Bro. T. J. Sabine), he said: It is my pleasing duty to present you in the name of the members of the lodge with this handsome P.M.'s jewel, which I hope you may live many years to wear, and also with this elegant three-bottle liquor stand, which when used by you in your circle of friends will serve at all times to remind you of the Era Lodge which as a founder you helped to start, and which as a W.M. you have helped to support, and which as a P.M. you will be expected still to feel some interest in. The jewel and liquor stand are engraved as follows:—"Presented April 12th, 1879, by the members of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, to W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., founder and Past Treasurer of the lodge, in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master 1878-9. Bro. T. J. Sabine, I.P.M., in reply, said: The Past Masters of the lodge have at all times felt it a pleasurable duty, not only to attend with becoming regularity, but to assist in promoting the interests of the lodge. For myself, I can only say that from the day of consecration until this moment it has been to me a pleasure to attend and work with my fellow-members. It is my hope, if the G.A.O.T.U. gives me good health, to be as frequently among you as ever. I cannot sit down without thanking my brother members for the handsome vote of the lodge, which I shall treasure as *souvenirs* of my pleasant connection with the lodge during my life. I think, W.M., I may add, on the part of my brother Past Masters and myself, that you may rely on us to give you the assistance you may need, and at all times to support you in your laudable undertakings on behalf of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors" in suitable terms, referring to the work those present had done in Freemasonry, and offering them a very hearty welcome. Bro. Dr. Barringer, P.P.G.W. Herts, replied, thanking the brethren for the hearty way the toast had been received, and congratulating the new W.M. on his accession to the highest office the brethren can give in his mother lodge. He was also pleased with the excellent working of the installation ceremony by the I.P.M., Bro. Sabine. He might have heard it given in a more showy and more brilliant manner, but never with more effective heartiness. There was no attempt at display. It was given with earnest impressiveness, with almost faultless correctness, and delivered as if every word was heartily felt. He trusted to visit them again on some other occasion, for he was sure he should enjoy himself very much, not only in the lodge, where he should find careful workers, but outside the lodge, for the pleasant prospect up and down the river was in fine weather most enchanting. Bros. Graham, Cook, and Simmons also replied. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening, the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bros. Dr. Barringer, Graham, Dr. Ryley, and others.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1541).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe. Bro. Thomas Longmire, the W.M., presided. There was not a large attendance of brethren or visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no special business to transact, a conversation on Masonic topics took place. The lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—Tuesday, the 8th inst., was the birthday of his Worship the Mayor of Leicester (Bro. Ald. Clement Stretton), and it being the ordinary meeting of the above lodge, of which his worship is a member, the occasion was availed of to give him a special fraternal greeting. There was consequently a large and influential gathering both of the members of the Albert Edward and the sister lodges, especially, perhaps, of St. John's, of which the Mayor was for two successive years W.M., as he is now for a second year occupying the civic chair of the borough. The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, the brethren at a later period of the evening sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the esteemed W.M. (Captain J. G. F. Richardson). The following

other brethren were also amongst those present: Bros. Clement Stretton (the Mayor), P.M. 279, Prov. S.G.W.; C. G. Merewether, Q.C., M.P. (Recorder of Leicester); W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Prov. G.C.; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, P.G.T.; S. S. Partridge, P.M. 423, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Taylor, W.M. 523, Prov. G. Sup. Works; W. Millican, P.M. 523; J. M. M'Allister, P.M. 279, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523, P.P.G.O.; J. B. Haxby, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. L. Rolleston, J.W. 1560; W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523; Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 279, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Albert Stretton, 1560; G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523, P.G.S.B.; J. Vaughan, 279, P.M. 86; J. D. Harris, W. L. Emmerson, 523; the Rev. Edward W. Woodcock, P.P.G.C.; Wm. J. Freer, Robert Waite, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, 279; William Beeson, and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Clement Stretton, the Mayor of Leicester," prefacing the toast with a few complimentary observations upon the honourable position which the family of the Strettons had so long occupied amongst them, until he might truly say the name had become a household word. They were both proud and pleased to have the honour of the Mayor's presence with them that evening as one of their brethren, and as a fellow-citizen who had distinguished himself in the high office which he held as chief magistrate of the borough. In the discharge of the duties of that important position his worship had ably acquitted himself, and he had, at the same time, in the most hospitable manner, proved himself a worthy successor of his ancestors. In his Masonic career, too, he had not only won his way to very high office, but he had also distinguished himself by great generosity, being always ready to cater to the wants of others; and not only was his purse always open to the relief of such wants, but it was always so without the slightest ostentation. He (the W.M.) had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in proposing "The Health of Brother Stretton," coupled with a wish that he might live long to enjoy the honourable position to which he had attained, and the duties of which he had so worthily fulfilled. Bro. Stretton, in acknowledging the compliment, said the manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Worshipful Master, and the cordial way in which it had been received by the brethren, was very gratifying to him, and he was very grateful to them for such a numerous attendance in honour of his birthday. It was only two weeks ago that he spent his Masonic birthday, for on the first of the month just sixteen years ago Bro. Haxby, assisted by Bro. Kelly, introduced him into Masonry. He had been through most of the offices in Masonry, until he had arrived at the height of a Mason's ambition, namely, that of being P.G.S.W. During his connection with Masonry he had made many kind friends, and only this last year Masonry had been of very great assistance to him. When, by an unfortunate occurrence, it again fell to his lot to be again invited to take office as Mayor, he had recourse to his Masonic friends for their advice. Some of them present would no doubt remember that he solicited their advice as to whether he should accept office a second time; and the advice he received from his Masonic friends, of both political parties, determined him to accept the office which had been again so kindly offered to him. He could not do more than thank them most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received him on that, as on all occasions. Bro. S. S. Partridge said he had great pleasure in proposing to them "The Health of their much esteemed W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge," who so very admirably filled the office. It was not given to every one to occupy the chair in the manner in which Bro. Richardson now filled it, for he did not aim to go through the duties in a mere parrot-like, schoolboy way; but both in the lodge, and at their banquets afterwards, the admirable way in which he presided over them commanded their greatest admiration. His officers must all be very pleased to serve under him, and he (Bro. Partridge) was sure all the brethren present would unite in wishing him very good health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. said he thanked them very much for the great honour they had done him by the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Partridge. He said he never anticipated the honour of passing the chair in any lodge, and certainly never expected he should have the honour of presiding over such a lodge as the Albert Edward. He could only say that it would be his greatest endeavour to conduct it impartially, and with the best feelings towards all the brethren. "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next eloquently proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged; "The Visiting Brethren" responded to by Bros. S. Cleaver, W.M. of the St. John's, 279; Richard Taylor, W.M. 523; and T. A. Wykes, I.P.M. 505; and this was followed by other complimentary toasts. During the evening the proceedings were greatly varied and enlivened by the musical performances, both vocal and instrumental, of several of the brethren, including Bros. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G.O.; Scott, Organist of 279; A. Wykes, R. Taylor, and others; the meeting being altogether a most enjoyable one. The chief work in lodge was to raise to the Third Degree Bro. James Neale, F.S.A. (the distinguished author of the beautiful architectural work on St. Alban's Abbey, who is a native of Leicester). The ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W.M.; T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Sellar, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; H. Jackson, as I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; together with several other brethren and visitors.

The work of the evening consisted of the ceremonies of passing Bros. Haslam and Atkinson to the Second Degree, after which the following presentations were made to the lodge:—Three Masonic works from the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; illuminated vote of thanks from the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, Philadelphia, for the hospitality and attention shown to their pilgrims when in York last year; four beautifully framed water-colour drawings of the four ancient gateways, or bars, of the City of York, from Bros. W. P. Husband, J. Marshall, and A. T. B. Turner; plate of arms of the Grand Lodge of England from Bro. W. J. Hughan; "Hughan's Masonic Register," and photograph group of the Mary Commandery pilgrims from Bro. T. B. Whythead. After the close of the lodge a very harmonious evening was spent, the loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, and "Health and Bon Voyage" drank to Bro. J. Haslam, who is proceeding to South Australia, where he has received a Government appointment. The proceedings were enlivened by the part singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, Humphries, and other members of the Lodge Glee Club, accompanied by Bro. C. G. Padel.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; F. Brasted, S.W.; J. Dignum, J.W.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; also Bros. C. Olley, Marsh, and G. Ferrar. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and Bro. C. Olley, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Second Degree of a Fellow Craft. Assisted by the brethren, Bro. F. Brasted worked the First and Bro. Lorkin the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. F. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday. Nothing further offering, the lodge was adjourned. Any brother desirous of attending the lodge will be heartily welcome.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Companions present: Comps. J. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copstick, P.Z., acting H.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., acting J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, S.E.; George Newman, P.Z., acting P.S.; James Lorkin, A.S.; John Kent, Thomas Cohe, W. Darnell, Brand, Harnsworth, Cheese, Potter, and Perry. Visitors, Comps. Gompertz and Darcy. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Lorkin, Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1524, was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The sum of two guineas was voted to the George Chambers Testimonial Fund, and three guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A brother was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

WANDERERS' CHAPTER (No. 1604).—The installation convocation of this military chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The presiding officers were Comps. Thos. H. Meredith, M.E.Z.; Sergeant-Major W. J. Parish, R.E., H.; and T. R. Mellwham, J. The other companions present were Comps. Charles Fuller, Treas.; W. H. Bird, S.E.; F. J. Wray, P.S.; C. A. Cottebrune, W. Brown, C. Taylor, J. Gibson, C. Burmeister, E. Cole, Charles Smith, W. Vincent, D. G. Brown, B. Barton, Horace White; and visitors Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden (Vane Chapter); G. W. Dixon, Z. 771; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason). Comp. Meredith installed Comp. Sergeant-Major W. J. Parish, R.E., as M.E.Z., and Comp. Mellwham, P.Z., as H. Comp. Meredith was again elected as J., and took his seat accordingly. The other officers were Comps. W. H. Bird, S.E.; George Bolton, S.N.; Chas. Fuller, Treas.; Chas. Smith, P.S.; James Gibson, 1st A.S.; and Edward Cole, 2nd A.S. After the installations and investitures Bro. Daniel Gibson Brown, of Lodge 1604, was exalted in excellent style, and Comp. Vincent, of the Stockwell Chapter, was admitted as a joining member. This concluded the business of the evening, and the chapter was then closed, and the company adjourned to a very nice banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, and afterwards honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Burmeister, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.F.Z.," and in doing so adverted to the great services of Sgt.-Major Parish to Freemasonry, both in the Craft in the Wanderers' Lodge and in the Wanderers' Chapter. The M.E.Z., in reply, said that Comp. Burmeister had been pleased to refer to his connection with Craft Masonry in the Wanderers' Lodge and in the Wanderers' Chapter. He (the M.E.Z.) never expected when he entered Masonry to occupy the proud position he did now. He did certainly think it was his duty as a Mason to attain those honours which he saw were so ably and gracefully won by companions in other lodges and chapters. He could only thank the companions for the honour they had done him, and although they had as regarded the way the ceremony was performed done the best, he said yet he should try to do whatever he could to render the beautiful ceremonies of the ancient ritual creditably and to the satisfaction of the companions of the chapter, and he hoped he should achieve the success he desired and the chapter deserved. He hoped that the companions would meet in the chapter in large numbers and support the chair, and they might rely upon it the chair would support them. He then proposed "The Health of the H. and J.," and

regretted the absence from the banquet table of Comp. Mellwham, who had been compelled to leave immediately after the working of the chapter through ill-health. He was happy to say that the H. and J. of the Wanderers' Chapter were both P.Z.'s, and therefore if he were at all at a loss for any of the ritual he would be able to obtain the knowledge he required from those two officers. Comp. Burmeister and Comp. Meredith replied, and the latter in the course of his reply assured the M.E.Z. that any assistance he could render during his year of office he should most willingly give, and he hoped the working of the chapter would be satisfactory to every Royal Arch companion who entered it. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Newly-Exalted, Comps. Brown and Smith." While doing so he said it must be the endeavour of the companions of the Wanderers' Chapter to introduce to it only such brethren as they would not be ashamed to meet in their own domestic circle. Keeping this cardinal point before them they would make the chapter an honour to Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Smith assured the companions that he took great interest in Freemasonry, which he looked upon as the greatest of human institutions, and in following up his Masonry he should endeavour to make himself an efficient officer. Comp. Brown also replied, and informed the chapter that he had been very much struck with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, and with the splendid ritual of the Order. The M.E.Z. afterwards proposed "The P.Z.," and in introducing the names of Comp. Meredith, to whom a P.Z. jewel had been presented, and Comp. Cottebrune reminded the companions of the great services which those companions had rendered to the chapter. Referring to the distribution of honour which had been bestowed on Comp. Meredith, he said he was certain that the compliment was no hollow one, for it was given to a companion who was thoroughly honoured and respected in every walk of life, and was conferred as an evidence that the companions of the chapter entertained the same feeling for him. With respect to the performance of the ceremonies that evening, there was no doubt that the installation, which only a few of the companions had been privileged to witness, had been conducted with the strictest regard to ancient form, and with a fluency and ability which would shed credit on any companion who attempted it. Comp. Meredith replied as P.Z., as Installing Z., and as Present J. Alluding to the remarks of the M.E.Z. in reference to the work of the past year, and the P.Z.'s jewel presented to him, Comp. Meredith said he had not performed the ceremony to his own satisfaction, but at all events he had done his best under the circumstance of his having a bad cold, and of having had a great deal to do lately, which had precluded him from getting up the ceremonies as he would have wished. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, to which Comps. Holden and Dixon were called upon to reply. Comps. Holden, Dixon, and Massey replied, and "The Officers of the Chapter" having been proposed, the Janitor's toast was given, and the companions separated. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening by several companions.

CROYDON.—Frederick Chapter of Unity (No. 452).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Greyhound on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The business of the evening was to exalt Bro. Steele, of 1627, and to elect the officers for the ensuing year. There were present Comps. Frances, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; Ohren, P.Z.; J. E. Evans, P.Z.; S. W. Sugg, H.; Edwards, J.; Pawley, N.; Blount, Dickenson, Jeffrey, and others. In the absence of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Sugg), the chair was taken by Comp. Frances, who impressively gave the beautiful ceremony of this degree, and he was ably assisted by Comps. J. W. Sugg and Edwards, as H. and J. At the completion of the exaltation, ballots were severally taken, and the following companions declared duly elected: Comps. J. W. Sugg, P.G.S.B. Z.; Edwards, H.; Pawley, J.; Ohren, S.E.; Dickenson, N.; and Jeffrey, P.S. In consequence of the illness of Comp. Robins (an announcement which was received with great regret by the companions), he was not re-elected Treasurer, but Comp. Evans, P.Z., was selected to fill the vacant post. At the close of the chapter the companions adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly responded to, the M.E.Z. gave "The Grand Superintendent of the Province (General Brownrigg), and the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter," observing that although their Provincial Grand Z. held the highest and most honourable position in the province, it was not one without its difficulties, and the chief among those was the proper bestowal of the honours he had at his disposal. He (the M.E.Z.) felt assured that the general never gave the Provincial collar to any one unless either from personal knowledge or reliable information that the recipient was thoroughly worthy. Of course in the large number of Masons in the province many who were worthy were passed over, but the fault was in the few tokens of recognition at the disposal of the Grand Superintendent, not from an unkind disposition on his part. The M.E.Z. coupled this toast with the name of Comp. W. Sugg, H. It was enthusiastically received by the companions, and felicitously replied to by Comp. Sugg. The toast of "The Newly-Exalted Comp. Steele" had a somewhat mournful interest, inasmuch as his proposer, Comp. Masterman, P.Z., had died since the last meeting of the chapter, and the M.E.Z. paid a fitting tribute to his memory. Comp. Ohren, in replying to the toast of the S.E., made some appropriate comments on the remarks that had been made in the course of the evening with respect to the G.S., cordially agreeing with them, and observing that though the Prov. G. Chapter was in the first year of its existence, it had some of the best R.A. Masons in the province for its officers. The toasts of "The H. and Z." were responded to, and the Janitor's toast finished an agreeable evening.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE (T.I.).—This time immemorial lodge held its installation meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Chas. Jacques, W.M.; E. C. Mather, S.W.; Henry Venn, J.W.; Jas. Moon, M.O.; H. Dicketts, S.O.; W. B. Date, J.O.; J. O. Wood, I.G.; T. Keene, Col. Peters, Jos. Tanner, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hyde Pullen, C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Thos. Poore, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Rev. P. M. Holden, W. T. Christian, and E. M. Money. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Matier advanced Bros. Sappet, Pinder, Gimivgham, Leaman, and Silvestre, in his usual perfect manner, and Bro. Dewar, P.M., installed Bro. E. C. Matier in the chair of this ancient and prosperous lodge, who thereupon appointed his officers and invested them with their respective collars and jewels. After the lodge had voted £5 5s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and transacted other business on the agenda, the brethren dined together under the presidency of their W.M.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W., and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Paisley, as J.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Mason, No. 1002, which proving unanimous he was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The lodge was then closed.

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TRICHINOPOLY.—Rock Lodge (No. 260, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Trichinopoly on Friday, the 20th December, 1878. There were present W. Bros. J. E. Lillywhite, W.M.; and J. W. Borthistle, I.P.M.; Bros. J. Lennox, as S.W.; P. Webber, as J.W.; J. Elder, Sec.; A. Jones, as S.D.; W. Battensby, as J.D.; W. Barrow, I.G.; and Walford, Tyler. The lodge was opened with prayer in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the summons convening the meeting was read. Before proceeding to elect a Master for the ensuing year, the W.M. stated that there were three candidates for the E.C., viz., himself, W. Bro. Borthistle, and Bro. Littlewood, but the Secretary would, in the course of the evening, read a letter from Bro. Littlewood in which he regretted that owing to his duties he would not (if elected) be able to enter upon his duties as W.M. The brethren then voted for W. Bros. Lillywhite and Borthistle, the former obtaining four and the latter three votes. W. Bro. Borthistle then congratulated W. Bro. Lillywhite on his re-election, when W. Bro. Lillywhite thanked the lodge for the honour they had conferred on him. At the suggestion of the W.M., W. Bro. Borthistle was by acclamation appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Walford re-elected Tyler for the year. A letter was read from W. Bro. Koenevan requesting affiliation into the Rock Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. Littlewood, which was referred to by the W.M. in the earlier part of the proceedings; also another from Garrison Sergeant-Major E. Marshall, acknowledging receipt of Rs. 20, and tendering his own and the Vestry Orphans' thanks to the lodge for the donation in aid of the Christmas treat. A letter was read from W. Bro. C. W. Pearce, P.M. Lodge No. 273, requesting that Dr. O'Hara, civil surgeon of this station, be proposed as a member. The W.M. proposed, and W. Bro. Borthistle seconded, that Dr. O'Hara be balloted for at next regular meeting. Lodge was closed at 8.25 p.m.

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Rock Lodge, held at Trichinopoly on St. John's Day, 27th December, 1878.—The lodge was opened with prayer in the First Degree at sunrise, and the brethren called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. The lodge was closed at 8 a.m., and re-opened in the evening at 7 o'clock, and the summons convening the meeting read. The lodge was raised to the Second or F.C.'s Degree, after which the W.M. invested each of the undermentioned brethren with the collar of office as specified against his name:—Bros. John Lennox, S.W.; P. Subber, J.W.; J. Elder, Sec.; W. Barrow, S.D.; P. Webber, J.D.; C. Kite, I.G.; and J. Walford, Tyler. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Webber seconded, that Bro. J. A. Wright, of Lodge No. 260, be balloted for affiliation at next regular meeting. Bro. Barrow proposed, and Bro. Battensby seconded, that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Elder for decorating the lodge. The lodge was closed at 7.50 p.m.

The consecration of the Trinity College Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 244, will take place at Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-street, Portland-place, on Tuesday next, at four p.m. Bro. Dr. E. Passawer is the W.M. designate, and the ceremony of consecration will be performed by the R.W. Bro. Colonel F. Burdett, 32^d, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, assisted by W. Bro. W. G. Brighten and other Grand Officers.

The *Whitchall Review* says that the officers of the corps of the Royal Engineers contemplate raising a memorial to their gallant comrades, Bros. Col. E. W. Durnford and Lieut. F. H. MacDowell, who lost their lives in the terrible massacre at Isandula on January 22nd. If they carry out this idea, we would suggest that the memorial take a substantial form, and be made, in the first instance, to benefit the families of those who fell.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, in the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. Robert H. Griffin, W. H. Spaul, G. T. Wright, W. Winn, Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, John Wordsworth, Henry Smith, E. M. Haigh, Alfred W. Stanfield, Wm. Stephens, John Couatts, A. J. Ireton, W. H. Main, R. N. Harper, F. B. Davage, Fred. Adlard, N. B. Headon, Gaston Murray, T. W. Sedgwick, S. Rawson, C. H. Webb, W. W. Morgan, G. Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Stevens, Thos. Meggy, H. M. Levy, D. D. Berry, W. W. Morgan, D. R. Still, James Cowan, D. Rose, A. H. Tattershall, George Adamson, Thos. Bull, E. Coste, C. F. Matier, E. S. Snell, Thos. Fenn, L. Ruf, Hyde Pullen, W. Clifton Crick, John Mason, E. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, Chas. Coot, J. L. Hine, A. J. D. Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. Godtschalk, Geo. Neal, Andrew Middlemass, D. D. Mercer, G. Ward Verry, W. H. Saunders, Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex; W. J. Murlis, Thos. W. White, Col. J. E. Peters, R. F. Webster, E. Binckes, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason). The brethren from West Yorkshire were Bros. Thos Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, John Wordsworth, W. B. Alderson, A. W. Stanfield, and Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary.

The minutes having been read were put for confirmation, when Bro. C. F. Matier, objecting to the new Rule 55, requiring that the father of a candidate for the school should have been for seven consecutive years a subscribing member to a lodge, except in case of death or shipwreck, moved to strike out the word "consecutive." The motion was seconded by Bro. John Constable, but the Chairman, following the opinion of Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., and G. Reg., at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, ruled that all that could be done at this Court with reference to the new rules was to confirm or non-confirm the minutes. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and several other brethren supported Bro. Matier's view, that it would be a hardship if the son of a Mason who had subscribed seven years in the aggregate, whether consecutive or not, to a lodge should be disqualified for candidature, and this feeling was very general among the brethren. Bro. Binckes, while following the generally-expressed opinion, pointed out to the brethren that if the rule was not confirmed there would be no rule for the General Committee to proceed upon in selecting candidates for the October election, and no candidates could be added for that election to those who would be unsuccessful at the present Quarterly Court. Thereupon Bro. Matier withdrew his proposition, and gave notice of motion for the October Quarterly Court to alter the rule.

Bro. J. A. Birch gave notice of motion for October that the election of Secretary of the Institution should take place by proxy instead of personally.

Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The General Committee was re-elected, and Bro. C. H. McKay was elected to fill the place of the late Bro. Jesse Turner on that Committee.

The Scrutineers of Votes were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to the election of sixteen boys out of an approved list of sixty-eight candidates for the benefits of the Institution. The poll was declared by Bro. R. B. Webster, Chairman of the Scrutineers, at four o'clock, when the following was announced to be the result of the election:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Thorn, William Richard	1592
Chandler, Arthur John	1572
Ward, James	1529
Landless, John Greenwood	1528
Walker, James Alexander	1504
Warner, Richard John	1503
Keighley, George Norman C.	1493
Waud, Frank Sydney	1489
King, Henry Hugh	1445
Nicholls, Richard Howell	1431
Sissons, Ernest William	1419
Allison, Tom	1411
Salter, Arthur	1408
Southam, George William	1387
Green, James Baker	1326
Gibbs, John	1290

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Wilkinson, Percy Charles	1285
Parker, George Shadwell	1255
Allin, Charles James Fox	1219
Colbeck, Frank	1065
Henderson, John	929
Beckett, Ernest George	919
Garstin, Paul Belmore	861
Norrish, Herbert	819
Spalding, Edmund Purcell	765
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	676
Brooks, George Burtie	619
Hounslow, Herbert Rich	614
Thomas, John M. Alex.	575
Wait, Emanuel	541
Stone, Percy Hebert	512
Bazley, William Henry	400
Gauntlett, George Fredk.	377
Scott, John Sheppard	375
Grave, Richard Arthur	358
Kennedy, Arthur James	316
Section, James Albert	313
Ripeth, Lovell Hope	234
Wagstaff, Charles C.	199
Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	166

Shrapnel, C. E. Scrope	158
Crane, Harry Samuel J.	142
Tracy, William	135
Frost, Christian Frederic	127
Neville, Fredk. John	106
Fellows, Arthur	103
Coe, Albert Edward	102
Marshall, Phillipson	101
Woolons, Walter H.	84
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	79
Unwin, Fras. Arthur	57
Fellows, Herbert M.	49
Jones, Ernest Handel	45
Cole, Alfred Thomas	42
Bell, James Herbert	22
Brown, Walter Boston	16
Gay, George John	15
Giles, Frank Arthur	10
Bartley, William James	8
Steinhauer, George W.	5
Winter, Richard Thomas	5
Read, John	2
Black, William	2
Bowman, George Frederick	—
Hawke, Edwin Ernest	—
Barker, Arthur	—
Foot, William Robert D.	—
Pratt, Robt. Williamson	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers, and Col. Creaton, Chairman of the day, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present, amongst a very large assemblage of brethren, Bros. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; J. L. Hine, C. F. Matier, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thos. J. Sabine, J. E. Le Feuvre, Charles John Perceval, W. H. Spaul, J. Vaughan, P.P.G.J.W. Warwick; George Wyatt, P.P.G.S.W. Isle of Wight; Capt. John Wordsworth, West Yorkshire, 1019; Alfred W. Stanfield, J. Thompson, P.M. W. Yorkshire, 1019; J. G. Stevens, Thomas J. Barnes, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, Robert Wylie, J. P. Platt, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, W. Yorkshire; Henry Smith, Prov. G.S. W. Yorkshire; W. J. Murlis, Ed. Hopwood, M. Stern, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. W. White, Albert Elford, James A. Birch, John Barker, W. James-Gill, F. Adlard, Thomas Meggy, Herbert Dicketts, G. R. Shervill, Henry Venn, H. Hacker, Fredk. Binckes, John M. Clabon, E. M. Haigh, George Bolton, F. B. Davage, H. M. Levy, W. W. Morgan, D. R. Still, James Cowan, George Adamson, E. Coste, E. S. Snell, Thos. Fenn, John Mason, Edward Cox, L. Ruf, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The following brethren represented West Yorkshire:— Bros. W. H. Gill, J.P.; A. W. Stanfield, J.P.; W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P.; John Wordsworth, Henry Smith, and Thomas Hill.

After the minutes had been read, Bro. J. A. Birch said there was an alteration in the rules which the brethren in the provinces certainly thought might have been made with advantage to the Institution. The provincial brethren believed that voting for the Secretary of the Institution might be allowed to be conducted by proxies instead of as at present in person. If provincial brethren now wished to vote for Secretary they had to come 'up to London, probably at an expense of £5 or £6, otherwise they were powerless to vote. They could vote by proxy for candidates for the Schools or the Aged Institution, and it seemed to him and numerous other provincial brethren that the same privilege might be extended to voting for Secretary.

The Chairman said the attention of the Committee for altering the rules had been directed to this subject, and they thought that the law should remain as it was. Bro. Birch's proposition not being a new matter it was competent for him now to move upon it.

Bro. Birch said he should be very glad to make a motion on the subject. The voting for Secretary was really now in the hands of the London brethren.

Bro. Thomas W. White said that though this was not a new matter, he must submit that the present was a meeting for the confirmation of the laws as altered, and he could not see how Bro. Birch's motion could be brought on without notice.

Bro. Woodford also drew attention to the question of seven years and seven consecutive years.

The Chairman, after conferring with the Grand Registrar, said that all that could be legally done at the present meeting in this respect was that Bro. Birch might move that the part of the laws that he objected to be not confirmed. With regard to seven years the Chairman said the matter would be settled on Monday.

Bro. Birch said he would move then to strike out the word "present" in Rule 73.

Bro. Thos. W. White said if this word was struck out it would leave the wording exactly as it had been in the old law.

Bro. McIntyre said, that being so, the old law would be revived. Bro. Birch might give notice of motion to alter the bye-laws at next Quarterly Court, or he might move for a Committee to revise that particular law.

Bro. J. A. Birch said he would give notice of motion for the Court in October.

The minutes of last Quarterly Court were then put to the meeting and confirmed.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R., proposed that Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, be elected Treasurer of this Institution.

He was quite sure that every one who was present at last Grand Lodge was delighted at the unanimity with which Col. Creaton was elected Grand Treasurer. He had been one of the most active, able, and earnest supporters of the Masonic Charities, and every one would combine in doing honour to him who did such honour to this Institution.

Bro. Clabon, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, said that as one who was put in competition with Col. Creaton at the election of Grand Treasurer, and who so gladly saw the result, he had the greatest pleasure in seconding the proposition.

Col. Creaton was then elected unanimously as Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bros. N. C. Browse and J. J. Caney were elected on the General Committee.

The scrutineers of votes were then chosen, and the election of eighteen girls out of an approved list of forty-seven candidates was proceeded with. The poll was declared at four o'clock, when the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	1559
Jones, Florence May	1440
Palmer, Florence E. M.	1378
Busher, Helen Mary	1310
Peele, Katherine Anne	1268
Hide, Catherine Frances	1256
Veal, Thurza Ann	1218
Mott, Mary Eliza	1211
Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	1210
Garnett, Edith Mary	1181
Wadham, Ellen Amy	1149
Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	1112
Cook, Ada Mary	1058
Duckett, Florence Lizzie	1055
Senior, Ellen	1054
Good, Ellen Mary	949
Hebblethwaite, Kate	946
Clark, Beatrice Mary	899

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Jay, Gertrude Alice	797
Hicks, Edith	792
Decey, Agnes A.	762
Kirke, Alice Clara	753
Simpson, Mabel Jane	685
Lang, Margaret Ethel	672
Williams, Emma Eliza	557
Allison, Ethel Frances W.	547
Fellows, Charlotte Amelia	546
Hill, Emily S. H.	480
Dawson, Alice Mary	475
Keighly, Harriott Geraldine	459
Hart, Eva C. H.	436
Pratt, Clara	436
Tipper, Mabel Harrison	389
Check, Laura Sophia	360
Wain, Fanny Elizabeth	216
Cecil, Emily Alford (1st application)	209
Priestley, Juliet S. H.	194
Evans, Mildred	139
Parker, Annie Sarah	135
King, Emily Beatrice	77
Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	75
Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	49
Brown, Edith	40
Gover, Annie	15
Hill, Annie Elizabeth	13
Howle, Minnie	2
Williams, Edith Corral (withdrawn)	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer elect, presided, and there were also present Bros. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Frederick Adlard, J. A. Farnfield, James Brett, P.G.P.; John J. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, John Newton, Charles F. Hogard, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Edgar Bowyer, Charles J. Perceval, L. Stean, Erasmus Wilson, G.D.; W. Hilton, Charles Horsley, Charles G. Hill, William Hall, James Terry, Prov. G. J.W. Herts (Secretary); and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary reported the deaths of one male and two female annuitants.

The Warden's report was read, and the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and it was resolved that £3000 should be deposited at the banker's at interest.

The petition of Mrs. La Croix (Hampshire) was rejected, the necessary ten years' dues of her late husband not having been completed.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith were nominated as the Committee to draw up the annual report.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity, and for leave to reside in the asylum, was granted.

Bro. Col. Creaton's motion, "That owing to the continued growth of the Institution, and the additional work consequent thereon being very great, the salary of the Secretary be increased £100 per annum from the 1st of March last," was carried unanimously, and the proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

The annual festival of the Chapter of Fortitude, and annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday next.

TO OUR READERS.

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BRACEGIRDLE.—On the 2nd inst., at Morton House, Victoria Docks, London, the wife of Thomas McCamphill Bracegirdle, of a daughter.

CHOLMELEY.—On the 14th inst., at Brandsby Hall, Easingwold, Yorkshire, the wife of T. C. Cholmeley, of a son.

MAXWELL.—On the 6th inst., at Althorp-road, Upper-Tooting, Surrey, the wife of Captain Robert Maxwell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WHISH—CHURCHER.—On the 15th ult., at Basti, C. W. Whish, Bengal Civil Service, to Adeline, daughter of E. J. Churcher.

DEATHS.

BIRKINSHAW.—On the 18th ult., at Dhond, the Deccan, India, John Frederick Birkinshaw, P.W.D., son of the late John C. Birkinshaw, C.E., Bidford, Devon, aged 31.

ECCLES.—On the 12th inst., at Darwen Bank, Torquay, Thomas Eccles, J.P., late of the Elms, Lower Darwen, Lancashire, aged 7.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1879.

FREEMASONRY AT HOME.

If it be true, as we have endeavoured to point out in two preceding articles, that Freemasonry in what it does do, and what it does not do above all, has ever human happiness as its aim, and human well-being as its end, surely, we should be disposed to think, it must be highly appreciated among men. And yet, strange to say, for it is a paradox per se, this friendly, useful, and beneficent fraternity, for it is all this and even more than this, has had countless attacks to meet, and numerous and bitter foes to contend with. It has been assailed by ridicule and by obloquy, it has been menaced by spiritual excommunications and temporal condemnation; it has been for a time silenced, suppressed, and supposed to be extinguished under some unwise Governments in various parts of the world, and; even at this hour, the opinions of the outer world seem curiously intermingled, whether of admiration or detraction, approval or disapproval, sympathy or sarcasm, respect or ridicule. Why is this? What has Freemasonry done to disentitle it to fair play and equitable treatment, to the consideration of the tolerant and the approbation of the just? The truth is, and we will say it all at once, and once for all, the divided state of public opinion is due to the perseverance of malignant calumny, originally set on foot by the Jesuits and the Ultramontane party in the Church of Rome. It is more than possible, indeed, we think, and on no light evidence, that the Jesuits, with their worldly acumen, sought at one time to make use of the secret organization of Freemasonry to further their own political or religious views. According to the strict ideas of some Roman Catholic writers there have not been a few "heretics" even amongst the Jesuits themselves, and it is just possible that towards the end of the last century, for instance, when all society and all authority were decomposed and decomposing, that astute and secret sodality may have thought that they could turn Freemasonry to their own aims and their own benefit. But if so, this endeavour did not last long, and the earliest condemnation of Freemasonry, in 1738, procured by the Jesuits, probably represents their official, and latest, and deliberate views on the subject. Hence, their great object always has been to confound Freemasonry with revolution, and to represent Freemasonry as a destructive secret political society. In the earliest Bull of Clement, indeed, another ground is taken, namely, the pernicious fact that Roman Catholics and Protestants meet together—horrible act!—but the uniform tenor of all subsequent Roman Catholic anathemata and allocutions, and Bulls and Briefs, has been to confound Freemasonry with Fenianism, and the Carbonari, and other secret political societies, or rather to put them all, as we say, "in a lump" together on one level. In Great Britain, America, and the Canadas, and Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Holland, any such charge was quite unfounded, as many Roman Catholics know and admit—though we are obliged in fairness to confess that in Germany latterly some unwise individual utterances have been heard, proclaiming, with much egotism, that Freemasonry was simply an opposition to Roman Catholicism—a very great mistake in every respect. Still the old slander has been handed on, and it has even grown in younger and unskilful hands, until Freemasons are accused of all revolutions, of king-murder, of violence, turbulence, anarchy; of being the hidden cause of all the national tumults of past years or to-day. Anything more ridiculous or more false as a matter of history never has been promulgated on fallible or even infallible authority. With the "Illuminati," for instance, with whom Freemasons have been often, and still are, confounded by Roman Catholic authorities, they have had nothing whatever to do in any measure. The Illuminati were founded by Weisnaupt, a Roman Catholic and a Jesuit, on the system of Freemasonry, it is true, he being a Freemason, though not when, it is curious to

note, he founded his Order, and it is more than doubtful whether in what he did he was not following the "dicta" of countless leading Jesuit teachers, by whom revolution and king killing, and disobedience to rational laws, and anarchical and anti-social principles, have been openly expressed and carefully manipulated. Thus the prejudice, such as it is, lingering against Freemasonry in the world, rests, as such prejudices mostly do, on open or anonymous slander, and may well at once be dismissed for ever by the thoughtful, the studious, and the equitable. If any one asks of us to-day "what is Freemasonry, and what does it do?" we reply at once "Si quæris circumspice." There is no human society in Great Britain which, with limited numbers and not very wealthy members, is doing as much as Freemasonry does do for genuine charity, for the mitigation of the sorrows, the woes, the trials of humanity, for lightening the burdens of this earthly pilgrimage, in reverence for God and in love for man. And here we stop to-day.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

Often as we use these words, and often as we have used them in the *Freemason*, we never touch upon the subject without some misgiving and much reluctance, and the reason is obvious. Our worthy brethren, excellent in many ways and capacities, zealous, earnest, undaunted, and untiring, do not yet quite see, for some reason or other, the need, utility, and advantage of Masonic literature—in itself and by itself—whether for themselves in particular, or Freemasonry in general. True it is that there is Masonic literature, and we will add "and Masonic literature," and that, despite apathy and forgetfulness, "caterers" are still to be found to supply a "pabulum" for the Masonic mind, regularly, carefully, and effectively. But yet, alas! what is the record and result of most Masonic literary ventures, but this—loss, failure, breaking down? In both hemispheres the cry is "still they come," and above all, "still they fail." Goodly argosies, well freighted too, founder in the great ocean of Masonic indifference, and are heard of no more. Pale ghosts of departed "weeklies" and "serials" seem to haunt us still, reminding us that they have been once amongst us in the "body," but are now "disembodied" with a vengeance. And why is this, we repeat once more? We fear there is but one answer—our Masonic public wants "educating," not, indeed, in the vulgar necessities of the three "R.'s," but as to the high importance and value, and light imparted by "Masonic literature." As a rule, we fear, the less profound artistic and æsthetic level of Masonic literature is preferred, which deals with the "menu" and the "songs," which sets up elaborate "summonses" and deftly decorated invitations as the "summum bonum" of Masonic literary taste and power. If a few of the old "stock books" are sought for and read, that is all, and, despite the changes of time, the advance of criticism, and the discoveries of archæology, we fear the majority of our Order remain perpetually indifferent to the lucubrations of the Masonic antiquarian, or the pages of the Masonic historian. Of course we are not insensible to the prevalence of the old Masonic hostility to all publications, and though we admit, promptly, that there may be over publication, we have yet to learn why Freemasonry, so rich in its legends and its traditions, its quaint customs, and its remarkable symbolism, is to be without a literature at all, and to be alone in the world, so to say, without any exposition either of its esoteric tokens or its esoteric formulæ. We trust sincerely that better days are yet in store for Masonic literature, and that the many thousand works, not all of course of the same value, which have been issued by Masonic writers since 1723, may be more studied by the "coming Freemasons" than they have been, we apprehend, by their worthy predecessors. Our publisher has lately issued two literary efforts which call for the thanks of Masonic students, and the support of intelligent and reading Masons, and deserve a place in all lodge libraries, be these many or be these few. The one is a catalogue of Masonic books, which will be excessively useful to Masonic col-

lectors, and as the forerunner of a later and larger one seems to point, let us trust, to Masonic studies and literary interest. The other is Vol. I. of a Masonic Archæological Library, which contains the Book of Constitutions of 1723, and the Wilson MS. The work is beautifully printed, and is a fitting commencement of a useful Masonic archæological library. In America, where Masonic archæology has more votaries than in Great Britain, these works will, we know, meet with much sympathy and approval as steps in a right direction, and we hope that we may see in them, as the Editor of Vol. I. of the Masonic Archæology Library states in his preface, "auspicium melioris ævi," the promise that is of "that good time coming," of which Mackay writes, alike for men and for Masons.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

We publish elsewhere a scheme, originating in West Yorkshire, for the formation of a local benevolent effort, somewhat on the system of the Lancashire and Cheshire Associations, to assist the education of indigent children of Freemasons in that province. A somewhat similar society, with similar aims, also exists at Leeds. We are glad to note and announce these proposals, because though they do not go as far as we could wish, they yet are good as far as they do go. In our opinion the time has come when the provinces should seek to have what the French call "Succursales," or subsidiary institutions, to our great central Educational Charities. There can be no possible reason why one system of education, even the same books, might not be used among all the Educational Institutions, and as they would all lead up to the great central Schools, a qualifying examination might well be added to the election by subscribers as at present. Supposing, for instance, that West Yorkshire had a preliminary school of its own, its children who go to the central Schools might be there from 12 to 15, and 12 to 16, respectively, and the younger provincial children would be provided for in a provincial school, and the London juveniles in a London school kept up by the London brethren alone. There are some few obstacles in the way, no doubt, but none which might not be got over by patience and perseverance. There is no difficulty, for instance, as Dr. Morris and Miss Davis could tell our readers, in having one system of education for girls and boys all over the country, and it is just possible that we have in this fact the practicability of carrying out Bro. Clabon's view of bursaries or scholarships. The one great hindrance in the way of Bro. Clabon's benevolent scheme is, that whereas the Benevolent Fund is the contribution of the whole Craft, and meant for general benevolence, the proposal to alienate a portion of it to the Schools seems to savour to some of limited and special purposes, antagonistic to its avowed object. But if there were alike provincial and metropolitan "Bursaries" this objection would be met, and much good to Masonry would accrue. Do any of us think that our Educational Institutions with our growing order can stand where they are now, taking into consideration our applications for admission and the wear and tear of life? Any such idea is in our opinion a mistake. We must, while the sun shines, look out for increased wants and accumulated claims, and having "put our hands to the plough," let us not "look back" or "weary by the way," but resolutely set ourselves to the work of carrying on, developing, and perfecting Institutions so honourable to our Order, so blessed for the young, and so helpful to humanity.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have reason to believe that at the last elections this much needed association has done good service to many poor candidates. The recent election has been a very difficult one to contest, for various reasons, and is probably an omen of what each succeeding election must be. Indeed, in this fact alone is an apology to be found, if apology be needed with any, for the formation

of an organization so friendly to our great Charities, and so helpful to poor candidates. We await the official report, which will go into details, and probably touch both on the "modus operandi" and the serious difficulties which arise from a keen and earnest competition for the benefits, many and great, of our admirable Institutions. We understand that at the next meeting of the Committee several new members will be proposed.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I did not write for "An Outsider," who is not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I do not see why he should trouble himself about my tone; nevertheless, I have no special fault to find with his views, unless it be that they are singularly one-sided for a disinterested person. My views of Masonry are, to say the least, as impartial as his own. I have no wish to say anything that may annoy "An Outsider," but I do not see how he can complain, if a society which has so little respect for the opinion of others occasionally receives a little in exchange of its own Billingsgate commodity.

My letter, I must remind your correspondent, was written in view of one signed "Maitland," which appeared in your impression of the 28th ult. I recognise the hand as that of a gentleman of good education and position, who was introduced to me by one of the Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Canada. In the aforesaid letter he writes that the Maitland brethren "were called 'prostitutors of Masonry,' and defiers of the powers that be, 'traffickers in degrees.' . . . Perjury was plainly intimated, and swindling, if not worse, hinted at." Now, whoever was the author of such a vile attack is of very little consequence, because I do not wish to make such unpleasant matters a personal affair apart from the Rite, and in this I think I act more Masonically than if I sought out and attacked the individual. It is enough for me that the Ancient and Accepted Rite has no authority outside its own members. Such language is, therefore, a mad conceit, and "An Outsider" is quite intelligent enough to see my comparison without my attempting to point it out more clearly, which would only add in his eyes to my offence. It is enough to know that the brethren attacked are quite as honourable as those who attack, and that is saying but little.

As "An Outsider" is not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I do not see how he is competent to discuss the question of the legality of the English Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and I think the Canadian discussion of the subject is in good hands. As it can only be resolved favourably to his views by showing that neither oaths or laws or anything else are binding, it would be impossible to consider it without implications. Moreover, I do not see any good in a discussion between a brother who can know nothing with certainty about the question, and one who (whilst his own opinions are respected) cares nothing about it.

As to "An Outsider's" gratuitous and partial attack upon that "ridiculous Rite of Memphis" (his words), by which (in view of the opening part of his letter) I am sure that he can mean no offence, I will answer him by a little of candid and open information, by which doubtless I shall bring upon the members the wrath of every man of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, to be followed elsewhere by special acts of annoyance. As man is purified by suffering, the Rite will be purged by annoyance. The first 20 degrees of the "ridiculous Rite of Memphis" are a selection of the 33 ceremonies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but deprived of their erroneous history, and with its titles of Sovereign Princes, Princes, Pontiffs, &c., reduced to simple knighthood; its next ten ceremonies are schools for the consideration of the ancient religions, and deducing therefrom the doctrine of immortality of the human soul and the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, the same being applied to the first Three Degrees of Masonry. If "An Outsider" can find anything ridiculous in this I regret his position, for he had better have never been born. One title to which objection may be taken is "Prince Mason," which is the Thirty-second Degree, and presiding officer of the chapters, senates, and council, but the English brethren did not consider themselves entitled to make a change in the general nomenclature.

There is a good and proper feeling in "An Outsider's" letter, for which I thank him, and I regret that he has destroyed its value by the tone of a partisan.

MEMPHIS.

THE HOLMESDALE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

The graphic and interesting report of the installation meeting at the Pump Room, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. (in your paper of the 22nd ult.), must have been highly gratifying, not only to the Craft, but to the outside world. As regards their meeting room, I have had the pleasure of seeing it, and can endorse the description given, that is, as far as my uninitiated eyes can form an opinion. The writer of the article referred to has felicitously and elaborately described the furniture and fittings. Passing from the robing room into the lodge, one can but be impressed with the chasteness and beauty of all its acces-

sories; every detail, I assume, that is distributed throughout the lodge has a sign, or emblem, of the cardinal virtues.

The after dinner speeches, at the Calverley Hotel, by the brethren of the Craft enlightens us to a certain extent of the deeply-rooted current of pure feeling that underlies and pervades the fraternity of Freemasonry. Those of the P.M.'s show us that the duties, although arduous, are labours of love, its attainment of very high honour, and the culminating point of human felicity. Few of us of the outside world (as one of the P.M.'s with the bright hues of inspiration and the colours of reality designated those out of the pale of the brotherhood) but have been in different degrees associated with the brethren, and have had opportunities of forming their estimation, and discovering the prominent features and principles of the Order. My father, and also my son, were Masons, and I may have had exceptional privileges as one of the outside world. On reading the speech of the W.M. we see he refers to the Sacred Volume, showing us that Masonry was not a name only, but a reality; and that there was a kindred nature between Masonry and that old Book. I believe that members are taught on the threshold of the institution to reverence God, truth omnipotent, immaculate, and eternal; that learned from Heaven, radiating from the throne of the Most High, the prominent feature of Freemasonry, love to God, and inculcating a veneration for religion; friendship towards all mankind—friendship that shields from reproach, counsels against evil, and defends from aspersion; just in all the duties and relations of life, cemented, and embodied in Christian charity are their cardinal virtues.

The brother Hudson, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," in a genuine and entirely unaffected speech, must have delighted his hearers. His lucid, eloquent, and appropriate remarks must have found an echo in every human breast present. It must have been through the knowledge and eloquence of such master minds of the present and past centuries, backed by the magic force of erudition, that these profound theories and organisations survive to make an enduring impression on our race. The uninitiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry cannot fail to perceive, if depending solely on Mr. Hudson's genial remarks, that there is a bond of brotherhood that binds them together by obligations the most sacred, and that strangers meet together as one family, and in the universal brotherhood of man, and that Masonry has survived the scorching heat, and winds of prejudice and opposition, and by the blessing of Heaven has become a majestic tree whose branches shadow the land as the waters cover the sea.

SAMUEL GREEN.

Tunbridge Wells, 8th April, 1879.

Reviews.

A CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY.

George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

This catalogue is likely to be very useful, and we are glad to note it and peruse it. As a first tentative effort it is manifestly limited and incomplete, but it is suggestive of a much larger catalogue ere long, which will be helpful and useful in the highest degree to all Masonic students in both hemispheres, as well as for all who seek to increase their libraries, learn the value of books, and encourage the circulation and expansion of Masonic literature.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL LIBRARY. George

Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

We are pleased to be permitted in the *Freemason* to announce this third volume of a Masonic Archæological Library. As it may seem perhaps a little too much like self-laudation to say much of the work here, we will merely add that it is admirably printed and illustrated, and dedicated to Bro. Hughan. Many brethren may like to possess a copy of a now scarce work "The Constitutions of 1723," and we therefore call the attention of all Masonic students to the seasonable appearance of this work.

HOW TO AVOID THE DOCTOR. By Bro. J. R.

GREENWAY, M.D. W. Nash, Tunbridge Wells.

We have perused this work, which is very pleasant reading, though, we confess, with some doubt, and we allude to it even with more "reserve." For in its idea it is probably most Masonic and benevolent, but in its development and application we somewhat fear that it may prove to be anything but helpful to the "non expert." We doubt very much, for instance, whether the average run of persons, mothers and the like, are capable of understanding and using the medical "formulae" so kindly given, and whether, on the other hand, they may not "confound," both by their multiplicity or by their very minuteness. We appreciate Bro. Greenway's "idea," as we said before, but we are not quite sure, we confess, as to the "practicability" of his publication. Is it not better to send for a doctor when you have need of him? and can you do without a doctor here below? These are questions we venture to propound for Bro. Dr. Greenway's serious consideration. If Mr. Oldbuck's view be correct, that the "Doctors live by our diseases, the lawyers by our quarrels, and the clergy by our sins," doctors would seem to be a necessity of this mortal state of existence. We remember of old time, those who habitually studied "Buchan's Domestic Medicine," and "Buchaners," as they were called, they generally made themselves ill, and everybody else ill, including the servants; about them. Our good Bro. Greenway will probably also remember that most injured chemist in "Pickwick," at Mrs. Bardell's "Breach," as Mr. Weller, senior, used to say, who informed the irri-

table judge and the sympathetic audience that his errand boy had a habit of supposing that "Epsom salts meant oxalic acid, and syrup of senna, laudanum." We are a little afraid of what the effect on some elderly or youthful patients may be in the hands of some excitable female, for instance, of some of the able writer's clear prescriptions. But still the work has a value and importance for those many excellent housewives who are "awmost," as they say in Yorkshire, "as good t'doctor hisself," and for them this very pleasantly written and most readable work will be a treasure. That do what we will, we cannot do without a doctor, we venture to believe here, though, certainly, if such a state of things could be realized in this sublunary scene, Bro. Dr. Greenway will have done a good deal to herald its approach, and pave the way for its success. So all who object to doctor's prescriptions, &c., &c., may look to Bro. Dr. Greenway for the promise of more auspicious days, and less "medicinalized" hours.

THE HYGIENE OF THE SKIN. By J. L. MILTON. Chatto and Windus, Piccadilly.

This pleasant and chatty little work opens out to the public the "aporreta" of skin complaints, alike in their origin and development, their mystery and their evidence. Just now there seems to be a growing taste for medical works, whether a good taste we may perhaps be permitted to doubt, for the great and prescribed-for public. Like Masonry for the lodge room, medicine seems better adapted on the whole, we say it with all deference, for the "consultation," and in our humble opinion its "chaste mysteries" ought to be reserved for "experts." But no doubt Mr. Milton knows better than we do, and as his little work has reached a 6th edition, he can point to the greatest "factor" after all in this world's affairs—"success." As we have said before, we have run through the work, as "non experts" of course, and can bear willing testimony to its ease of diction, and agreeable flow of words. We quite appreciate the writer's motives, and do not wonder at his success, and we have no doubt that all our readers, who like to turn over its pages, will be glad to have made the acquaintance of another and genial writer.

THE LAW OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. By G. C. WHITELEY, Barrister-at-Law. London: Chas. Knight & Co.

In this little book, which seems to have been prepared with great care, we have a complete collection of the law of weights and measures, with the decisions of the Courts on various points connected with it, and the cases in which the questions have been raised. The book is not only necessary for the table of Justices of the Peace, and the authorities who are called on to adjudicate in the numerous weights and measures cases which come before them, but will be a valuable help to inspectors of weights and measures, and may also very profitably be read by those tradesmen who at present do not appear to be quite cognizant of what constitutes a pound or pint.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

Referring to the list of works on Masonry, a catalogue of which appears in the *Masonic Magazine* for this month, I may mention one that has no place. This is "The Spirit of Masonry," by Bro. W. Hutchinson, published at Carlisle, in 1796; but whether that was the only edition, I am unaware. Bro. Hutchinson was, moreover, the author of the now scarce and valuable "History of Cumberland," published in two quarto volumes, in the year 1798, also at Carlisle, a clean and perfect copy of which I have known purchased at an auction sale for £15.

W. F. LAMONBY.

THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, NO. 2.

I have been aware for several years of the fact noted by "Antiquity" in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst., having a copy of the calendar containing a list of the cessures and Unions for the year 1794, and I have pointed this out more than once. The lodge called the "Harodim" was constituted in 1790 by the "Moderns," soon after which Preston and his friends were reinstated by the Grand Lodge (2nd May, 1790), the warrant having been obtained "to empower the companions of the Order of Harodim to meet as a regular lodge of Masonry." Its number was 467 as altered on 18th April, 1792, but its existence was indeed brief. During its continuance, the funds of the Lodge and of the Chapter of Harodim were united for mutual good, and especially to promote the latter. Bro. R. F. Gould, the author of "The Four Old Lodges" (now in press), thus writes at page 6: "In 1794 it absorbed the Harodim, No. 467, constituted March 25th, 1790." I have had the pleasure of examining some of the first sheets of the "Four Old Lodges" in which this statement occurs, and anticipate much pleasure in reading the complete work shortly. In the *Masonic Eclectic* for 1878, and printed by Bro. G. H. Ramey in a most excellent manner, we have had the laws of the "Order of Harodim" reprinted of 1787, and in the *Rosicrucian* (then edited by our lamented Bro. R. W. Little) for Oct., 1876, will be found the revised laws for the same Order of 1790, and the by-laws of the "Harodim Lodge," referred to by our Bro. "Antiquity," of 1790 (dated 9th Dec., 1790). As the chief members of the Grand Chapter of Harodim were members of the branch of the "Lodge of Antiquity" which for a few years met under the wing of the "Grand Lodge of all England" held at York, and subsequently returned to their allegiance as members of the "Moderns," London, any facts relating to this interesting subject are of value, and though those stated by "Antiquity" are not new to us Masonic students, we feel sure that on pursuing his researches he will find many additional items of interest

if he has access to the old records of that ancient lodge. I have been anticipating information about the Lodge of Antiquity from the Deputy Master of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, viz., Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., who has many times before now "struck light" where formerly was darkness, and I trust will do so many times more.

W. J. HUGHAN.

[In last communication of mine as to Anderson's Lodge, No. 39 is of Exeter, not Axeth.—W. J. H.]

Bro. Hughan's criticism of the list (1738) published by me in the current number of the *Masonic Magazine*, invites more remark than is possible under existing circumstances, the bulk of my lodge lists for the past century being now in the hands of the printer; and no one knows better than the esteemed author of the *Masonic Register* the difficulty of explaining in detail the discrepancies of successive calendars without all one's memoranda to refer to.

I think, however, I can answer the queries to Bro. Hughan's satisfaction, though I must refer general readers to my lists of the eighteenth century, which, embodying the full descriptions of more than three thousand lodges, will be shortly before the Craft. Old 68 and 69 in the 1738 list (*Masonic Magazine*) are at present "Strong Man" and "Medina" respectively. The lodge at Newcastle-on-Tyne (p. 437 *Masonic Magazine*) is the present Lodge of Industry, Gateshead. This connection is at first view very confusing, the natural inference being that, as per engraved lists there was a lodge at Gateshead in 1735, the present Gateshead Lodge, also dating from 1735; is identical therewith.

The notes, however, to my reprint of the 1740 list, show that the lodge numbered 127 on that list, meeting at the Fountain, Gateshead, and constituted 8th March, 1735 (really 1736: see *Masonic Magazine*, page 437), was erased 17th Nov., 1760, and again on 27th Jan., 1768, also, the engraved list of 1778 has the following:—

61, Lodge of Industry, constituted June 24th, 1735. This date corresponds with the period of establishment placed against the Newcastle Lodge in all editions of the engraved lists, and if Bro. Hughan refers to the same number (61) in his own list for 1774, which he was kind enough to lend me some months since (the list for that year being absent from the collection in the library of Grand Lodge), he will find "No. 61, Masons' Arms, Swalwall, near Newcastle-on-Tyne."

R. F. GOULD.

Replying to "Antiquity."—In my work, the "Four Old Lodges," at pages 7 and 45, will be found a reference to the absorption by the Lodge of Antiquity of the Harodim Lodge, No. 558 (1790). A full description of this latter lodge is given in two lists appended to my work.

A marginal (MS.) note in the *Freemasons' Calendar* (G.L.), 1793, informs us that the Lodge of Harodim was erased 9th April, 1794, which therefore may presumably be regarded as the date of its amalgamation with the Lodge of Antiquity.—R.F.G.

Australia.

VICTORIA.—Orion Lodge (No. 1153, E.C.).

The installation of the officers of this lodge took place on 11th December, 1878 P.M. Bro. Kelly being the Installing Officer. Bro. T. Kennedy was installed as W.M.; T. Potter, S.W.; M. S. Clark, J.W.; J. Embling, Secretary and Treasurer; Shorthouse, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; E. Ellis, I.G.; Wholohan, Tyler. There was a large number of visitors from other lodges, including Bros. Wheeler, W.M.; Nevett and Little, P.M.'s, Yarrowee Lodge; Peake, W.M., and H. I. White, M'Cartney, Robertson, and Trevor, P.M.'s St. John's Lodge; Hamilton, W.M., and Hale, P.M., Buninyong Lodge; Weickhardt, P.M., All Nations Lodge; Clunes, and others. The installation ceremony was performed with great ability by Bro. Kelly, who during the meeting was presented by the newly-installed W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which gift he feelingly thanked the donors. After the lodge was closed about forty-five of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Wheeler, W.M., Yarrowee Lodge, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Kennedy," remarking as he did so that the Orion Lodge had shown great discernment in choosing so able a Mason to preside over it. Bro. Kennedy replied eloquently. During the evening that brother was frequently applauded. Bro. Hamilton, W.M. (Buninyong), then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Kelly," and complimented him upon his zeal as a Mason, and the way in which he had performed his duties that evening. In replying, Bro. Kelly dwelt historically and classically on the antiquity and excellency of Freemasonry. The following is an extract from that brother's eloquent oration:—"What a vast field of thought does the placing of our W.M. in the ancient chair of King Solomon open up to us. It points out Masonry as the line of union between the civilised countries of every age and of every clime. It is the only institution that connects us with the sages of antiquity. It has frequently been asked, whence did Freemasonry take its rise? but that question is not so easily answered, because it has been anterior to the age of history, and contemporary with, if not preceding, civilisation itself. Some date its origin from the building of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon, but though that may be an epoch in its history, it no more marks its origin than the Grand Mastership of St. John the Evangelist, or of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Centuries before the building of King Solomon's temple, when

the Golden Fleece was watched by the sleepless dragon, when Priam reigned at Troy, Freemasonry flourished. The legend of the Golden Fleece is regarded as a lively fancy, the very existence of Troy has been questioned, and Jerusalem is only known from its sacred connections. Still Freemasonry flourishes full of life and vigour. Our greatest and most venerable institutions are but of yesterday when compared to it. Freemasonry was an ancient institution when the first Pope was placed in the chair of St. Peter, when the first King sat on the throne of England, when democracy was rocked in its cradle at Athens. It saw the growth and decay of all the great States, of the past, from Nineveh to Venice; it saw the founders of Rome suck the wolf on the banks of the Tiber; it saw the same Rome as mistress of the world, with Greece and Judea, Egypt and England, as Roman provinces paying tribute to the Caesars; it now sees it as the decorated tombstone of its buried greatness. Other institutions have occupied human attention for a short time. Freemasonry has seen them all come and go. It saw the Magi perform their rites at Memphis, heard the Delphic oracle mystify its votaries, witnessed the age of chivalry pass through the south and west of Europe as a brilliant meteor. Their very existence is now only known to the historian, yet Freemasonry flourishes throughout every part of the globe. Why? Simply because of the solidity of its foundation. It is founded, not on the gratification of the passions, not on the promotion of self-interest, not even on the achievement of ambition, but on the practice of every moral and social virtue. Those excellent precepts which are taught in a Mason's lodge must leave some impressions on the minds of its members, and though they may be sometimes disregarded, can never be entirely forgotten. I do not go as far as to say that they can alter human nature, and change a depraved and worthless person into an honourable man, but I do say they restrain the evil propensities of the wicked, and call into action the virtues of the good. They supply us with fortitude to withstand the pleasant allurements of vice, and teach us not only to moderate our passions, but to be temperate in our conversations and our very thoughts. And I have no doubt that so long as Freemasons place men like Bro. Kennedy in their chairs Masonry will continue to flourish throughout every part of the globe, and be influential in dispensing the beauties of virtue and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice." The annual installation took place on 13th December at St. John's Lodge, 427, I.C., the Immediate P.M., Bro. Herbert, being the Installing Master. The new officers are Bros. J. Showman, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; Lawson, J.W.; B. Paton, Secretary; Martin, Treasurer; Leggo, S.D.; Proctor, J.D.; Hennab, I.G.; and Morgan, Tyler. The lodge was exceedingly well attended. The Installing Master's work was faultlessly done. The Masonic Anthem was very finely sung. Among the visitors to the lodge were Bros. Baker, D.P.G.M.; Small, P.P.G.S.W.; Finlayson, P.D.G.J.W.; Scott, R.W.D.J.; Robertson, P.P.G.D.C.; Wheeler, W.M., and Little, P.M., of the Yarrowee Lodge; Kennedy, W.M., Kelly, P.M., Babington, P.M., A. Wilson, W.M., and Hart, P.M., Havilah Lodge, Creswick; S. Batson, P.M., Weickhardt, and Everhardt, All Nations Lodge, Clunes; Smith, W.M., and Alroc, P.M., Sepastopol Lodge; Caselli, P.M., R.A.C.; Rev. Charles Clark, and others. About eighty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. Several toasts were eloquently given and responded to. In response to the toast of "W.M.," Bro. Showman, addressing the younger members of the lodge, said, "Practise the Masonic virtue of patience," and if they did so they would in time be as richly rewarded as he had been. He was not naturally an enthusiast in its cause. A question often asked of Masons was what Freemasonry was. It was a system of the very highest morality, and whether its origin were very ancient or comparatively modern, it had always taught the doctrines of morality, of liberty, of education, and of fraternity breaking down the barriers of despotism and ignorance. The worthy brother, referring to the universality of Freemasonry, said that "Statistics showed that 500,000 of the inhabitants of the globe were Freemasons, and that the influence for good of Masonry upon the world could scarcely be over-estimated."

CASTLEMAINE.—Mount Alexander Lodge (No. 692, E.C.).

The annual installation of W.M. of the above lodge took place on 5th December, 1878. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of Bro. Lempiere, R.W. Grand Sec., and a large number of brethren from all parts of the district, including fourteen Past Masters. Bro. T. L. Brown was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. Dallas, P.M., of Guildford, who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. D. L. Henry, S.W.; Philpots, J.W.; Cramer, Chap.; Bard, Treas.; Sturken, Sec.; Adams, S.D.; Halford, J.D.; McLean, I.G.; Glendenning and McClean, Stewards; J. Brown, Tyler. The banquet following passed off very pleasantly, and, as several brethren are excellent vocalists, the proceedings were agreeably diversified. The R.W.D. Grand Sec., Bro. Lempiere, made some happy remarks in responding to the toast of his health, and expressed his conviction that Mount Alexander Lodge was rapidly regaining its former position as the leading lodge in the district. The excellent progress made by the lodge during the last twelve months reflected the highest credit on the retiring W.M., Bro. Dolphin.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, at the King's Head Tavern, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, on Saturday evening, 19th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock—Bro. D. H. McCleod, P.M. 1624, W.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD MARK LODGE, No. 238.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238, was consecrated on Monday, the 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Bro. W. G. Brighten, P.M. No. 144, Grand Superintendent of Works, and Prov. Grand Secretary for Middlesex and Surrey. Prior, however, to the consecration of the lodge, Bro. Brighten advanced Bro. Sir Charles James Palmer to the Mark Degree, for which purpose a special dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge was granted.

The brethren present at the consecration were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Mark Master; Col. W. Wigginton, A. Tisley, Charles Horsley, T. R. Richnell, J. N. Rogers, F. H. Cozens, Don. M. Dewar, J. W. Baldwin, A. H. Hubbard, E. Hopwood, Dr. E. Passawer, H. C. Levander, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The consecration was appointed for the 7th April, on account of that day being the birthday of Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, who, in addition to granting permission for the lodge to bear his name, most graciously permitted the lodge to use his crest and arms upon the summings, jewels, and lodge banner, and having further conferred upon the lodge the distinguished honour of enrolling his name as its first honorary member.

After the lodge had been formally opened, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. Beach to deliver the address.

Bro. Beach thereupon said that probably there was nothing in Masonry so remarkable as the progress of Mark Masonry in recent years. Not so many years had elapsed since Mark Masonry was practised only to a small extent in England, and throughout the world also to a limited degree. But of late years Mark Masonry had increased in an unparalleled degree. Lodges had sprung up in every part of the country, and in every colony and dependency attached to the British Crown, through the exertions of brethren who were animated by a desire to extend the principles of Mark Masonry, because they believed that Mark Masonry was an intrinsic relic of the past, that it was indissolubly blended with the best interests of Freemasonry, was an important link in our traditional history. That being so, they bound themselves together to spread it to the utmost of their ability all over the world. Some brethren, however, who presided over Craft Masonry declared that Mark Masonry was not a part of ancient Freemasonry, according to the traditions they had received from their Masonic ancestors. Mark Masons then took the resolve to establish an authority of their own. It would not have been fair to themselves, or to Mark Masons in every part of the world, were they deprived of some supreme power to rule over them. However zealous Freemasons might be to carry out their principles, it was necessary that they should have a supreme head, to which they might look for directions, and therefore Grand Lodge of M.M.M. was established, and it had reached to a point of permanent success. There were attempts at one time to check it, and attempts to depreciate it, but they had been totally unsuccessful, because the Mark Masons pursued their course unflinchingly; they did not set out hastily, but followed their object with steady resolution. They endeavoured to carry out those true principles of the Craft, endeavours to promote a good understanding between all the degrees of Freemasonry, and by that means they had achieved their great success. At first, of course, Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was not acknowledged in every part of the world or in many quarters, but of late Mark Grand Lodge of England had been acknowledged in most parts of the world, and had obtained a position which now it would be difficult to put aside. It would be the effort of those connected with the Order to do their duty to the best of their ability for the welfare of the degree, and it was the duty of brethren who were entering a new lodge and establishing a new lodge to exert themselves to make that lodge an important unit among the lodges which were ruled over by the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge. He trusted that all the brethren then present would do their best to support this lodge. It was a very gratifying thing to have new lodges established, especially when there was every reason to believe that they would be successful.

The consecration of the lodge was then proceeded with, Bro. Brighten being in the Consecrating Officer's chair, Bro. Beach in the Deputy Master's, Bro. Baldwin in the S.W.'s, and Bro. Hopwood in the J.W.'s. The ceremony was performed throughout in faultless style. The musical portion was most effectively rendered by Bros. Cozens and Hubbard.

When the lodge had been formally dedicated to Mark Masonry, Bro. Brighten installed Bro. Col. William Wigginton, P.M. 181, Past Grand Superintendent of Works, and Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Middx. and Surrey, as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bro. T. C. Walls (J.W. 211), S.W.; Bro. A. Tisley (Sec. 211), J.W.; Bro. Charles Horsley (P.M. 1), M.O.; Bro. T. R. Richnell (1503), S.O.; Bro. C. J. Palmer, J.O.; Bro. Charles Horsley, Treas.; Bro. J. N. Rogers, Sec.; and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. read letters of apology for inability to attend from Sir E. Lechmere, Sir A. Trollope, Lord Henniker, Lord Holmesdale, and the letter from Bro. Collins, Secretary to His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, announcing that H.R.H. gave permission to the lodge to use his arms and crest. Prince Leopold was then elected an honorary member of the lodge, and the thanks of the lodge were voted to Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), for furnishing a sketch of Prince Leopold's arms and crest. The following brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge:—Prince Leopold, the Earl of Limerick, the Rev.

G. R. Portal, Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Henniker, Col. Burdett, Bro. Brighten, Bro. H. C. Levander, Bro. F. Binckes, and Bro. Donald M. Dewar.

Bro. Beach acknowledged the compliment, and a vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Brighten for consecrating the lodge and installing the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts were proposed in due course. The W.M. proposed the toast of "Prince Leopold, and the other Honorary Members of the Lodge;" and Bro. Beach, in responding, said he had had the opportunity of meeting Prince Leopold several times in Masonry, and he could fully testify to the truth of the remarks that had been made as to his merits. He witnessed His Royal Highness's installation as Provincial Grand Master of Craft Masons for Oxfordshire, since which time as well as before, he had taken the warmest and most active interest in Freemasonry. He had never relinquished his interest in Masonry, but wherever he had been resident he had made a point if possible of attending any Masonic ceremony. It was very gratifying to the feelings of Masons that His Royal Highness felt so much interested in the ancient Craft, and it was much to be regretted that his health had prevented him from being oftener among the brethren than he had. The brethren hoped, however, for better health for him, and that they might have the pleasure of his presence more frequently than hitherto. His talents and his wishes eminently qualified him for a Masonic career. He (Bro. Beach) had never heard any one, when he was first made Provincial Grand Master, more qualified and able to preside over Masonic ceremonies than he. He had that gift of eloquence which enabled him to preside with efficiency over a body of Masons. With regard to the honour this lodge had done him in electing him an honorary member, the lodge had done itself an honour. The other honorary members felt very grateful for the compliment paid to them. It was very gratifying when any one had done his duty for a number of years to have his exertions acknowledged. It was the highest reward which a soldier who had fallen on the field of battle could have, that his services were appreciated by his country. When Freemasons had done their duty they hoped their brother Masons would fully appreciate their endeavours. The honorary members of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge thoroughly valued the honour that had been conferred on them. It would incite them to take a warm interest in the prosperity of the lodge, and he hoped that the auspicious work commenced that day would lead to great success.

Bro. Beach also replied to the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale," which was proposed by Bro. Brighten, and reminded the brethren of what he had said in lodge as to the great progress of Mark Masonry. He remembered when Lord Carnarvon was the first Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, and various changes were made at different times. But there was one circumstance which he recollected that occurred during his (Bro. Beach's) own Grand Mastership, which he rather had to congratulate himself upon, and that was, that for the first time moveable Grand Lodges were held. It had been complained for some time in Craft Masonry that the Grand Lodges were not sent throughout the country. But it was resolved that in Mark Masonry there should not be this complaint, and therefore the brethren did what they could to remove any cause for it. That was carried out during his year of office, and one or two moveable Grand Lodges were held, and he had the great pleasure of presiding over them. The system had a most beneficial effect, and it had been continued ever since. It had been productive of very good results. It did not interfere with the meetings in London, and it offered a very nice occasion for visiting different parts of the country, and giving Mark Masons an opportunity of rallying round the standard of the Order, and conducting to the progress of the degree. Since the time when he had the honour of presiding over G. Lodge of the Mark Degree great progress had been made, which he believed was very much owing to the exertions of Bro. Portal, than whom, he thought, no one had ever taken so much interest in the degree. Since Bro. Portal's time other Grand Masters had presided, all of whom took great interest in the Order, and the result had been such success that while obtaining a firm footing in this country, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters had been acknowledged by the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters of other countries.

Bro. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Brighten to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer."

Bro. Beach proposed "The Newly-Advanced Brother," to which toast Sir Charles Palmer responded, and stated that he felt deeply gratified at having entered the Order, which he looked upon as an essential part of Freemasonry.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Prince Leopold Lodge," Bro. Brighten referred to the great services Bro. Charles Horsley had rendered to Freemasonry for many years, whom he described as a veritable Atlas, almost the world being on his shoulders. He prophesied continued success for the lodge with such an officer, and trusted he might live to a ripe old age to witness the fruit of his exertions on behalf of the lodge.

Bro. Horsley replied, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close.

Some beautiful singing was given during the evening by Bros. Cozens and Hubbard.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Advt.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., the first meeting of Stewards of the Girls' School, 1879, took place at Freemasons' Hall at four p.m., when Bro. Major Ramsay, Deputy Grand Master Punjab, was elected President of the Board of Stewards, and Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., was elected acting Vice-President.

Bro. Hedges announced 221 Stewards. The usual routine business was transacted, and the Stewards' fee fixed at two guineas. The festival will take place on the 14th May. The Chairman is not yet fixed, although hopes are entertained that H.R.H. Prince Leopold may yet be able to preside.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Monday, the 28th inst., at 4.30, at Freemasons' Hall.

There was a numerous assembly of Stewards for a first meeting.

AN OLD MASON.

Bro. Chas. Marsh, of Tunbridge Wells, in his ninety-first year, was initiated into Freemasonry Aug. 6th, 1819, in Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, 41, then 48; became W.M. in 1828. In 1832 was appointed P.G.S.D. for the County of Somerset; was also a member, and became P.Z., of Royal Arch Chapter. He was subscribing member to both lodge and chapter over twenty years, when he removed to Liverpool, and subsequently went to Sydney, New South Wales, where he was one of the founders, and was elected honorary member of Zetland Royal Arch Chapter there. On his return to England in 1856 he lost his sight. Soon after he took up his residence in Tunbridge Wells, and in 1861 was one of seven to form the Holmesdale Lodge there, 874, and acted as P.M. till the first W.M. had passed the chair. Though increasing infirmity has prevented him from attending the duties he has been subscribing member ever since. Reference was made to him in the report of the March monthly meeting of the Bath Lodge in our columns, and in the meeting of the lodge this month the W.M., Bro. Philip Braham, proposed that Bro. C. Marsh should be elected honorary member, which met with a unanimous response, and the following letter was addressed to Bro. Marsh's son at Dover, who is a member of Lodge 199:—

April 6th, 1879.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the regular lodge held on Thursday, April 3rd, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Philip Braham, proposed that your dear father, and our old esteemed brother, should be elected an honorary member of this, his mother lodge, and I need scarcely say that the proposition met with the unanimous response of the members present. There can be no doubt our brother is the oldest living Mason in England. I shall feel much obliged if you will cause to be conveyed to your father the fact of his unanimous election, and the proud pleasure this ancient lodge feels that their old Past Master is still living, and may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to shed His protecting influence around him.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
C. W. RADWAY,
Secretary.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, Southwark Park Tavern, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., by Bro. T. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, assisted by the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction.

The collection of funds instituted by the Dutch Central Committee for Arctic Exploration for the renewed outfitting of the Willem Barerents, which vessel is shortly to start on another expedition of some eighteen months' duration, is progressing so favourably that it may be reasonably expected that the 50,000 florins which are required for the expedition will soon be completely subscribed.—*Nature.*

COMPLIMENT TO A LIVERPOOL THEATRICAL BROTHER.—Bro. R. J. Roberts, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, a popular comedian, and the stage manager of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, who will sail for Australia next Tuesday, under a special engagement with Bro. A. Garner, was entertained at a farewell dinner at the Union Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., when there was a good representative gathering of gentlemen connected with the theatrical profession, along with several private friends. Bro. F. Wilkinson, S.D. 1609, occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Clegg, P.M. 1299, the vice-chair. After a recherche dinner, provided in first-class style by Mr. Thomson, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed. The chairman afterwards gave the health of the guest of the evening, referring to his many amiable qualities, his professional ability, and wishing him the greatest success at the antipodes. The vice-chairman also bore testimony to Bro. Roberts's many excellent qualities, and after the toast had been received with the utmost cordiality, it was acknowledged in suitable and feeling terms by Bro. Roberts. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—All our Faculties.—Almost all disorders of the human body are distinctly to be traced to impure blood. The purification of that fluid is the first step towards health. Holloway's Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers, no injurious consequences can result from their use, no mis-ake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia and chronic constipation the most beneficial effects have been and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion. Persons whose lives have been restored to ease, strength, and perfect health by Holloway's Pills, after fruitless trial, of the whole pharmacopoeia of Physic, attest this fact.—*(Auct.)*

Masonic and General Tidings.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. Lord Tenderden, K.G.B., to be Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Essex, vacant by the death of Bro. Robt. Bagshaw, in August last.

The regular meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will be held on Tuesday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at five o'clock, p.m. Bro. W. Bassington is W.M. There are four candidates for initiation and three for passing at this meeting.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand (Craft) Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of the Bective Lodge No. 1532, the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., presiding.

The installation of Bro. Richard Washington as the W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, took place on Wednesday afternoon last, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. A report of the interesting proceedings will be given next week.

POLICEMEN'S NUMBERS.—A correspondent writes:—"My wife was recently witness of gross misbehaviour by a policeman on the road to one of the suburbs, and would have felt it her duty to report it, but a bushy beard effectually hid the number on the collar. Either the beard or the number is surely in the wrong place."

The regular convocation of St. Thomas's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 142, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel this afternoon, at 4.30. Comp. H. C. Levander is M.E.Z.; Comp. G. A. Rooks, H.; and Comp. J. W. Lambert, J. There are three candidates for exaltation at the meeting, after the performance of which ceremony the companions will proceed to the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year.

Leo XIII., *motu proprio*, has appointed Baron Ceschi, the late Lieutenant or Deputy Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, to be Grand Master or Sovereign of the Order. For the last 70 years or upwards there has been no Grand Master, the functions of that office being entrusted to a Lieutenant. The Grand Master of the Order of Malta takes the rank of a Sovereign or quasi-Sovereign in Roman Catholic Courts.

The closing meeting of the present session of the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, will be held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday evening, the 28th inst. In addition to the usual business the lectures on the Tracing Boards in the Three Degrees will be given, the 1st and 3rd by Bro. Francis, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., the Hon. Preceptor; and the 2nd by Bro. Sudlow, the Hon. Sec. The lodge will be opened at 6.30 punctually.

BRIGHTON.—The installation meeting of the flourishing lodge Nova Ecclesia, No. 1466, will be held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday next, April 23rd. Upon this occasion the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., will visit the lodge, with his Provincial Grand Officers. The lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m., when there will be two candidates for the degree of Fellow Craft, after which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, will proceed to install Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., in the chair of K.S. for the second time.

THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.—Monday, the 27th, under the Chairmanship of Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., this new hotel, in South-street, Finsbury, which is intended to supply accommodation for passengers by the Great Eastern Railway to Liverpool-street, the Great Northern and other lines to Moorgate-street, and the Broad-street Station of the London and North-Western, was opened in the presence of a large company, among whom were Lord Alfred Churchill, Mr. Myles Fenton, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. William Hudson, and other gentlemen representing the various interests of metropolitan traffic. This hotel, which provides more than fifty beds, is fitted with all modern improvements and appliances, and contains public and private dining-rooms, billiard room, and ladies' dining-room, all of which are decorated with excellent taste; and the manager, Mr. James Adams, has made a selection of wines which, together with a well-arranged *cuisine*, will doubtless prove an attraction to diners in the City, the hotel being only five minutes' walk from the Bank. The hotel has been furnished, in a very substantial manner, by the well-known firm of upholsterers, Messrs. Brew and Claris, Finsbury-place North.

It is understood that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will assemble at Fowey on Tuesday, the 10th June, under the wing of Fowey Lodge, No. 977, held in that town. The lodge was warranted in 1863, and has proved a worthy successor of a lodge originally chartered in 1761, but, as 84, erased in 1828. The membership of Fowey ranks about the tenth in the province, being at the present time about 60. Its senior Past Master is Colonel J. W. Peard (the Senior Grand Warden of Cornwall in 1866), and the next is Bro. the Rev. Dr. E. T. Treffry, Prov. Grand Chaplain in 1868. In point of age it is the eighteenth on the list in the province, having nine juniors, making a total of twenty-seven lodges under the rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. The membership of the province has nearly trebled since 1863, and is now about 1600. The choice of a meeting place lay between St. Matthew's, No. 859, Lostwithiel, and the Fowey Lodge. A large gathering of brethren is expected, especially if liberal arrangements are made by the railway company.

We are asked to state that the next meeting of the Evening Star Lodge will be held on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, when the desirability of altering the day of meeting will be considered.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 25, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K. T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

Audit Com. Girls' at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix, 68, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dilston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
Rose Croix, 39, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1563, City of Westminster, M.H., 68, Regent-st.
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 271, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Arglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Dis. B. of Wks., Catford Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 26, 1879.

MONDAY, APRIL 21.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 680, Selson, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

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